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Dear Mike,

I am writing to inform you that I represented the Welsh Government at an Inter-Ministerial Group for Elections and Registration meeting on 11 February 2026.

The meeting was held online and hosted by UK Government. In attendance were Samantha Dixon MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (Chair), Graeme Dey MSP, Minister for Parliamentary Business, Scottish Government and Matthew Patrick MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Northern Ireland Office.

This meeting was an opportunity to hear an update on the UK Government's Representation of the People Bill, which includes areas where the Senedd's consent will be sought. The challenges around timings for consideration of legislative consent given the upcoming elections in Wales and Scotland were discussed and acknowledged.

I also heard about preparations for the Scottish Parliament elections in May. I gave an update on the Welsh Government's preparations for the Senedd elections in May and updated on the work on Automatic Voter Registration pilots in Wales. There were also useful discussions security around elections and candidate safety.

A joint communiqué relating to this meeting was issued on 26 March 2026 :  
[Interministerial Group for Elections and Registration Communiqué: 11 February 2026 - GOV.UK](#)

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

We will continue to work together with meetings planned to take place on a quarterly basis.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jayne Bryant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Jayne Bryant AS/MS**

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Lywodraeth Leol a Thai  
Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government

**CC: All Senedd committees**