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Dear Mck

We wanted to provide you with an update on inter-governmental relations with the UK Government Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and with other Devolved Administrations.

A summary of recent inter-Ministerial meetings is attached.

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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.

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Annex A – Summary of inter-Ministerial meetings with BEIS Ministers, and Ministers from other Devolved Administrations

On 17 October 2019 we attended the first ever quadrilateral meeting with a Secretary of State in London. The introductory meeting provided an opportunity to press the need for more effective inter-governmental working at a Ministerial level.

On 24 October 2019 the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs attended an Energy and Climate Change Quadrilateral meeting with Kwasi Kwarteng (Minister of State for Energy and Clean Growth). Minsters discussed the need for greater intergovernmental cooperation on energy and climate change.

On 30 October 2019, the Minister for Economy and Transport attended a Business and Industry Quadrilateral meeting with Nadhim Zahawi MP, (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State and Minister for Business and Industry). Ministers discussed business readiness and support.

The Minister for Education attended two quadrilateral meetings with Chris Skidmore MP, Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation, on 23 September 2019 and 21 October 2019. The Ministers discussed the future of research and innovation programmes operating across the UK and Wales.

On 03 February, the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs attended another Energy and Climate Change quadrilateral with Kwasi Kwarteng MP. The quadrilateral meeting focussed on the UK Emissions Trading Scheme implications.

