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Dear Pete,

I write to let you know that the Government is announcing new measures to improve the transparency and accountability of intergovernmental relations (IGR) between the Government and the devolved administrations. The details of these measures will be announced by written ministerial statement in both Houses of Parliament tomorrow.

This increased transparency will be complemented by strengthened parliamentary engagement, including regular statements to Parliament on intergovernmental relations and appropriate appearances before relevant committees. A Command Paper will also be laid in Parliament on an annual basis covering IGR activity. This mirrors the approaches taken by Welsh and Scottish Governments in reporting to their legislatures.

Meanwhile, the joint review of intergovernmental relations continues to progress with the devolved administrations. Future structures will complement these measures.

If you would like to discuss these measures in any further detail, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

**Yours ever,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chloe Smith". A horizontal line is drawn underneath the signature.

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