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The Rt Hon. The Baroness Sheehan
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Dear Lady Sheehan,

Thank you for your letter of 6 February asking for further detail on the campaign to appoint a permanent Chair for the Climate Change Committee. We are aiming to appoint the permanent Chair before the House rises for summer recess.

The job advertisement closed in January with a sufficient number of applicants and the campaign is now proceeding to the sift by the Advisory Assessment Panel.

You are right that this appointment requires agreement between me and my colleagues in the Welsh Government, Scottish Government and Northern Ireland Executive. To ensure that we reach consensus on the appointment, I am asking for explicit agreement from all the appointing parties to proceed at each stage in the campaign.

Additionally, the Advisory Assessment Panel for the campaign does, for the first time, include a panel member from each of the devolved governments to facilitate agreement.

Finally, there is also regular engagement between officials.

Yours sincerely,

RT HON ED MILIBAND MP
Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net Zero