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Dear William,

Publication of the second quarterly report on intergovernmental relations

As Secretary of State for the newly formed Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations, I have maintained responsibility for leading UK government engagement with the devolved administrations. I am very pleased that I can continue to engage with your committee and its important work.

Following our commitment last year to a number of measures to improve the transparency and accountability of intergovernmental relations (IGR), I am pleased to inform you that the second quarterly report has been published today on the intergovernmental relations GOV.UK page and deposited in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament.

This report summarises the engagement between UKG departments and the devolved administrations between 1 March and 30 June 2021. It covers a slightly longer second quarter (with the inclusion of March), due to the first report only covering January and February to ensure publication did not coincide with the pre-election periods in Scotland and Wales.

The report aims to be useful, accessible, and engaging to a broad audience, recognising the public interest in how the UK government and the devolved administrations work together to deliver outcomes for all citizens across the UK. It reflects the government's continued commitment to increased transparency of IGR and effective scrutiny of the UK government's role in intergovernmental meetings. We hope you find it useful.

As part of our wider transparency commitments, we are also publishing key IGR documents, including communiques, regularly on GOV.UK, strengthening parliamentary engagement. We will also be laying an annual report by Command Paper in both Houses of Parliament in 2022.

Should you wish to discuss the publication of this second report in any further detail, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With every good wish,

Rt Hon Michael Gove MP
Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations