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Dear Convener,

Inter-Ministerial Group for Transport meeting: 05 February 2024

This letter updates the Committee on the key points from the Transport Inter-Ministerial Group held on 05 February 2024.

The meeting was hosted in hybrid format by the UK Government with Lord Davies of Gower, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, as chair.

The main items of discussion focused on freight decarbonisation, HGV driver training and roadside facilities as well as the provision of freight data.

The attached Communique provides a summary of the meeting and attendance. The Communique will be published on the Transport Scotland website.

The next meeting of the group is scheduled to take place in May 2024.

I hope that this summary is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Inter-ministerial Group for Transport Matters Communiqué: 5 February 2024

The Inter-ministerial Group for Transport met on 5 February 2024 in hybrid format. The meeting was chaired by Lord Davies of Gower, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, UK Government.

The attending ministers were from the:

- Scottish Government: Fiona Hyslop MSP, Minister for Transport.
- Welsh Government: Lee Waters MS – Deputy Minister for Climate Change.

Sian Kerr, Director of Transport Planning and Policy, Northern Ireland, attended as an observer.

The chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

The discussions focused on matters surrounding freight in the United Kingdom.

Ministers present detailed the approaches their respective governments are taking in relation to freight matters and discussed areas in which further work could be undertaken to share knowledge, challenges, experience and good practice.

The discussions covered topics including:

- Freight decarbonisation
- HGV driver training and roadside facilities
- Provision of freight data

The Ministers in attendance welcomed their respective governments continuing to collaborate, where possible, whilst respecting the devolution settlements. Ministers agreed that officials should work together to explore the areas that would most benefit from such intergovernmental working, including rural transport decarbonisation.

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