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Dear Kenneth,

I am writing to formally advise that I will be hosting a meeting of the Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee (F:ISC) in Edinburgh on Friday 17 October.

The Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Rt Hon James Murray MP will be attending along with the Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language, the Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS and John O'Dowd MLA, Minister of Finance in the Northern Ireland Executive.

As you will be aware, the F:ISC meetings form a part of the machinery of intergovernmental relations and are a forum to discuss economic and financial matters.

This meeting is an opportunity to discuss the current economic and fiscal context, including priorities for the upcoming UK Autumn Budget, and the potential for greater fiscal flexibilities for devolved governments. There will also be a meeting of the Joint Exchequer Committee, involving myself and the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, where I intend to progress arrangements for work on the scope for the next Fiscal Framework Review.

I will write again to the Committee following these meetings, and I will continue to engage with the Committee across its on-going business.

Yours sincerely

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