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Dear Patrick

Congratulations on your appointment as Convener of the Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee. I wish you and your fellow Committee members a constructive and productive parliamentary session, and I look forward to engaging with the Committee in my new ministerial capacity.

I am writing to inform you that the twelfth meeting of the Interministerial Standing Committee (IMSC), is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 24 June 2026. In line with the rotating chairing arrangements in the Review of Intergovernmental Relations, the meeting will be chaired by the First Minister and deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland.

In keeping with protocol for these meetings and respecting confidentiality, I am unable to provide a detailed agenda. However, we expect discussion to focus on the following issues: IMSC proceedings; Government Priorities; and updates on live issues such as Middle East domestic impacts and community cohesion.

I will provide a further update to the Committee on the Scottish Government's contribution and the outcome of discussions following the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

**JENNY GILRUTH**

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