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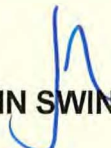
I am writing to make the Committee aware that today, Monday 14 September 2026, I signed a new bilateral framework with the First Minister of Wales setting out areas of shared interest and cooperation between the Scottish and Welsh Governments.

The framework – known as the Cardiff Agreement - establishes a basis for closer collaboration in areas of shared interest, including tackling child poverty, addressing the cost-of-living crisis, supporting sustainable economic growth, and strengthening engagement with the European Union. It also reflects our shared commitment to ensuring that intergovernmental relations are founded on trust and mutual respect.

The Agreement provides a structured approach to sharing expertise and best practice, building on existing collaboration between our governments to improve outcomes for the people of Scotland and Wales.

The Agreement has now been published, and I have enclosed a copy for the Committee's information.

I hope you find this update helpful.

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