31 October 2017

Dear Graeme,

In my letter to you of 27 July I undertook to inform the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee when the remit for a revised Rural Affairs Food and Environment (RAFE) Delivery Board was agreed.

The Board has now been reconstituted as the Environment and Economy Leaders’ Group (EELG). The Group will focus on delivering the Scottish Government's Purpose, in particular it will focus on increasing the contribution of environment policies to sustainable economic growth – which aligns with the commitments set out in the recent Programme for Government. The Group’s vision will be “Communities, nature and our environment increasing sustainable economic growth”. The Group will continue its valuable work on developing shared services and wider collaboration across Government and public bodies to ensure good value and strategic delivery across the environment and rural economy portfolios.

This structure and membership will promote strong joint working across bodies within the environment and rural economy portfolios and maximise their contribution to delivering the Programme for Government.

Yours,

Roseanna Cunningham