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Paul Rock MS,
Member of the Senedd for Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf

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Dear Paul,

Llyr Gruffydd has asked me to write to you following your oral question regarding biodiversity targets and your subsequent exchange with him in Plenary on 30 September.

As a government we are committed to taking a more transparent and accountable approach to delivery, with a stronger focus on measuring, reporting and demonstrating progress towards shared outcomes for Wales.

This approach is supported by our Programme for Government commitment on governing effectively which is based on taking a cross-government, outcomes-focused approach to delivery, recognising that complex challenges require coordinated action across policy areas to achieve meaningful outcomes for Wales.

Monitoring and reporting are a key aspect of the biodiversity targets framework as progress towards them will be monitored through regular reporting by Welsh Ministers. These reports must assess progress towards each target and whether it is likely to be met and will be laid before the Senedd. In addition, where a target is at risk of not being met, or is no longer considered appropriate, Welsh Ministers must review it and publish the outcome of that review. Independent expert advice must be sought and a summary of that advice published. The conclusions of all reviews must also be laid before the Senedd and made publicly available, including the reasons for any concerns and any actions proposed in response.

Effective monitoring will be underpinned by a suitable range of indicators. Work is ongoing to identify and refine the most appropriate indicators for the biodiversity targets, which will provide the foundation for assessing progress, supporting delivery, and ensuring transparent reporting.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

As to how this information will be publicised and presented, this will be explored as the work on the targets progresses and will include considerations of a digital dashboard approach.

Yours sincerely,



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