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Dear Paul,

I am writing in response to WQ94262: *Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on efforts to tackle biodiversity loss across Wales and protect at-risk species like the Atlantic puffin? (WQ94262)*

Welsh Government has a number of initiatives to tackle biodiversity loss including the Nature Networks Fund and the forthcoming Biodiversity Targets Bill. We will shortly be consulting on the Welsh Seabird Conservation Strategy, which will include key seabird species such as Atlantic puffin.

While the State of Natural Resources Report (SoNaRR, 2020) found that puffin populations in Wales have actually risen by 163%, the implementation of this strategy will bring benefits to puffins, as well as other vulnerable and endangered seabirds in Wales.

Yours sincerely,

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