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Dear Convener,

**Inter-Ministerial Group for Transport meeting: 13 September 2023**

This letter updates the Committee on the key points from the Transport Inter-Ministerial Group held on 13 September 2023.

I chaired the meeting which was hosted virtually by the Scottish Government.

The main items of discussion were the UK Government's ZEV Mandate, Rail Reform and overview of the Minimum Service Levels for rail. Other discussions included electrification of transport, street works and rail devolution and the differences as it impacts the Scottish Government and the Welsh Government.

The attached communique provides a summary of the meeting and attendance. The communique will be published on the Transport Scotland website.

The next meeting of the group is scheduled to take place in January 2024.

I hope this summary is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

**FIONA HYSLOP**

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# Inter-ministerial Group for Transport Matters Communiqué: 13 September 2023

The Inter-ministerial Group for Transport met on 13 September 2023 by video conference. The meeting was chaired by Fiona Hyslop, Minister for Transport, Scottish Government.

The attending ministers were from the:

- UK Government: Richard Holden MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State Roads and Local Transport
- Welsh Government: Lee Waters MS – Deputy Minister for Climate Change, The Welsh Government
- Northern Ireland Executive: Sian Kerr, Director of Transport Planning and Policy.

The chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

The discussions focused on matters surrounding ZEV Mandate, Rail Reform and Minimum Service Levels for Rail.

Those present detailed the approaches their respective governments are taking in relation to agenda items and agreed to identify areas in which further work could be undertaken to share knowledge, challenges, experience, and good practice.

The discussions covered topics including:

- electrification of transport
- street works
- rail devolution and the differences as it impacts Scottish Government and Welsh Government
- regulation for minimum service levels

Ministers welcomed their respective governments continuing to collaborate, where possible, whilst respecting the devolution settlements, and agreed that officials should work together to explore the areas that would most benefit from such intergovernmental working, such as freight and port issues etc.

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