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Dear Edward

In reply to your letter of 22 December 2023 and further to my letter of 15 December, I am happy to confirm that Scottish Government officials regularly meet with the Office for the Internal Market (OIM) to discuss a range of issues related to its functions, including horizon scanning of potential legislation across the UK.

These discussions are open dialogues where either party can raise any issue for discussion. They can involve high level intelligence sharing, as well as more detailed discussions of specific policy areas. To date, there has not been a specific discussion on the proposed provisions of the Scottish Circular Economy Bill as part of this engagement. Wider circular economy issues such as deposit return schemes and single-use plastics policies across UK nations have been discussed.

More generally, however, I can also confirm that the Circular Economy Bill has been highlighted as part of engagement with other UK nations through the Resources and Waste Common Framework.

Kind regards

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