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Dr Seàn Woodward

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Many thanks for your letter dated 18 March and for the revised PUSH Multi-Area Agreement.

I am very pleased to hear that PUSH, by taking stock of what you have achieved and proactively engaging with the Government Office, departments, SEEDA and other agencies, has become an exemplar partnership among MAAs.

Your long-term focus on employment, innovation, infrastructure and business growth demonstrate strength of ambition and depth of partnership, which I warmly welcome. The importance of PUSH to the local and wider regional economy cannot be under-estimated.

I understand that my officials have been in touch with yours to explain that we are unable to gain Cabinet clearance at this stage. However, I have asked my officials to liaise with government colleagues and your teams to ensure that we deliver on the commitments that have been made during the negotiations to date.

While I understand that there will be disappointment in not being able to formally conclude this revised agreement at this stage, I am confident that efforts to date provide a sound platform for the future and will not have been in vain.

*Yours sincerely,
Rosie Winterton*

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