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Dear Deputy Johnson

David,

I wish to offer you my warm congratulations following your election as Chair of the Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel.

As you will know, it is important for the Government and Scrutiny to have an ongoing dialogue and for information to flow regularly between us. I have always found it to be especially important that such a relationship is established between the Minister and the Chair.

As was the case previously, my Ministry will always seek to assist the Panel in its work wherever we can, including by providing information and briefing papers (both proactively and on request), and timely responses to the Panel's questions.

We will also seek to ensure we continue to offer the private briefings which I hope are helpful in keeping the Panel updated with our work, and are a useful addition to our quarterly public hearings.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you feel there are further ways in which we can assist the work of the Panel, or if specific issues arise which you feel you need to discuss with me. I look forward to working with you for the remainder of this Parliamentary term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Ian Gorst".

Senator Ian Gorst
Minister for External Relations