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Via email: patsy.mcglone@mla.niassembly.gov.uk

Dear Patsy,

Follow up action to AQO 1053/22-27 - Question Time 4 November 2024 – Number of times Cross-Departmental Working Group met and a timetable for a product

On 4th November 2024, in a follow up question to AQO 1053/22-27 from Paula Bradshaw, you had asked, the number of times the Cross-Departmental Working Group (CDWG) has met and a timetable for a product.

I can confirm that the CDWG has met on 13 occasions since it was formed in January 2022.

In relation to a timetable, the work of the CDWG is ongoing. Alongside this work I am currently considering the next steps in the development of both strategies and will then engage with Executive colleagues to consider next steps.

Once I have considered and engaged with Executive colleagues, I will be able to provide more information, including a timetable for the remaining work.

The work will include a formal public consultation on the draft strategy and action plan, once the drafts have been agreed by the Executive.

Yours sincerely,

**Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities**