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| **TITLE** | **Inter-Ministerial Group Environment, Food and Rural Affairs meeting, 13 January 2020** |
| **DATE** | **23 January 2020** |
| **BY** | **Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Energy, Environment and Rural Affairs** |

I attended the Inter-Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (IMG) on 13 January.

This was the first meeting following the General Election and since the EU (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill began its progress in UK Parliament.

The focus of this meeting was on our future trading partnerships with EU and the rest of the world, and the important role of the Devolved Administrations in these negotiations. I am particularly concerned about the condensed timetable for the EU negotiations. We also discussed the work which needs to take place before the transition period ends in December 2020. I confirmed my commitment to continue to work with the UK Government, Scottish Government and the Northern Ireland Government to ensure the interests of Wales are taken into account.

A communiqué regarding this meeting can be found on the UK Government website. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/communique-from-the-inter-ministerial-group-for-environment-food-and-rural-affairs>.