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Dear Earl of Kinnoull

During the debate on *Grangemouth Oil Refinery Closure: Job Losses* on Thursday 3 July, you raised questions about the date of the next meeting of the Interministerial Group for Net Zero, Energy and Climate Change (the IMG) and whether Grangemouth will be on the agenda, I agreed to write to you with a response.

Petroineos' decision to cease refining at Grangemouth was deeply disappointing. This government has stood with the workers from the outset. Before July, there was no overall plan for the future of Grangemouth refinery and within weeks we worked with the Scottish Government to put together a £100 million package to support the community and invest in the local workforce, along with tailored support to secure good alternative jobs.

We launched Project Willow to find an industrial future for the site – identifying nine low-carbon and renewable energy business models that could create 800 jobs by 2040. We are ready to take these forward as co-investment projects with the private sector. Backed by £200 million from the National Wealth Fund, our investment agencies are working to find investors for these proposals and other low carbon and clean energy enquiries in the Grangemouth area.

The purpose of the IMG is to support effective engagement and collaboration in areas of shared interest between the portfolio Ministers within the UK Administrations. The date of the next meeting of the IMG, which is scheduled to be chaired by Scottish Government, is still to be confirmed, although we expect it to take place in October. The agenda for this meeting is yet to be developed.

The UK and Scottish Governments have worked very closely to deliver for Grangemouth; jointly funding Project Willow and establishing a process to triage investments using our agencies – the Scottish Enterprise and the Office for Investment. There are already regular ongoing and well established forums for engagement between UK and Scottish Ministers, including via the Grangemouth Future Industries Board (GFIB), the Ministerial Investment

Taskforce and regular bilateral meetings.

The Government is committed to securing the long-term future of the UK's refinery sector. Ministers regularly engage with refineries and Fuels Industry UK, the trade association representing them. As I set out in the debate, Minister Shanks held a roundtable with all the operators of UK refineries in June 2025 and he was told that such a meeting hadn't taken place with the Government for 13 years.

I hope you find this information helpful.

I will place a copy of this letter in the library of the House.

Best wishes
Phil

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