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Dear Edward,

Thank you for your letter of 26 July to the Secretary of State about the Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) for drink containers. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

Thank you for your offer for me to attend the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee. Unfortunately, I will politely decline.

The UK Government believe it is essential that all DRSs across the UK are interoperable. We want to ensure that the schemes operate seamlessly for businesses and consumers across the UK. Defra is working closely with devolved administrations at pace on the next steps to achieve this.

Thank you once again for taking the time to contact us about this important issue.

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