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Mr Robin Swann MLA
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Dear Robin

Thank you for your letter dated 24 January concerning international travel and self-isolation arrangements. It was helpful that the matter was touched upon at the Executive on 26 January, where the emphasis was on travel from countries where new variants are a significant concern to us. UKG has now announced arrangements albeit at a high level, and there is more work to do on the detail across the administrations and with the Irish Government.

The Executive will of course want your advice on the necessity and proportionality of arrangements for self-isolation, and associated communications and enforcement arrangements. There is a considerable amount of detail to be worked through and we will be content for this to sit within the Protect workstream of the ECT but with support and input from TEO officials. We will be content for TEO to establish a Task and Finish group to bring together relevant Departments and to support you in your advice to the Executive.

If that is the right way forward from your perspective, TEO officials will convene the Task and Finish before the weekend and lead on liaison with other jurisdictions on the practicalities and logistics.

We will be happy to advise Executive colleagues of developments at our meeting today via the Chair's brief.

Yours sincerely

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