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Meeting

Clive

I can advise you that Minister O'Byrne will be unable to meet with you in the short term. However, I will be available to meet with you sometime over the next few weeks if you so desire.

You will note from media reports on the Budget Estimates this week that Minister O'Byrne has acknowledged that the model used to predict smoke dispersion for this year's burnoffs was not successful. An extract from the Estimates Hansard of 25 June notes the following.

"What I want to explore is getting better predictive modelling so that we get a better picture of what will occur and then I think one of the end points of that might be that you need to introduce a permit system which stipulates that some fires may not be lit even during the burn season, based on the amount of smoke that can go into the atmosphere on a particular day. We are not at that point yet. I want better work done on the predictive modelling."

Again, I can come up north to meet you at some stage, so please let me know when you are available.

Regards

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