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Kind regards

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Confirming this is accurate. Many thanks for writing it up.

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Hi s 47F(1)

Many thanks for your readout last night of FM Wong's meeting with Sinn Fein representatives Matt Carthy (Foreign Affairs spokesperson) and Pearse Doherty (Finance spokesperson) at APH on 8 August 2023.

We will keep this just for our internal records. Grateful for any amendments.

Kind regards,

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Carthy and Doherty said their visit aimed to:

- Follow-up on the higher-profile visit to Australia by Sinn Fein (SF) President Mary Lou McDonald in July 2022
- Maintain important connections in Australia given SF hopes of being in Government in Ireland following the next elections (2024/25)
- Reinforce the geo-political alignment and like-mindedness between Ireland and Australia
- Continue to encourage support for the Good Friday Agreement in the Australian Government and community

FM Wong:

- Noted the strong Irish heritage of the ALP
- Acknowledged SF's position on Brexit and negotiations with the EU on the Northern Ireland Protocol, and the importance of the Windsor Framework agreement between the UK and EU
- Urged SF to maintain its focus on international engagement and continue bipartisan support for Ireland's strong engagement in the multilateral system.

SF asked for FM Wong's reflections on the EU FTA negotiations. s 47C, s 47E(d), s 33(a)(iii)

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