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**From:** Andrew Bayly  
**Sent:** Friday, 18 October 2024 1:34 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Apology

Dear

I understand you have received the letter I sent to your employer on 11 October 2024, in which I expressed my regret for the hurt I caused you when we met.

I would like to apologise to you again unreservedly and would be grateful for the opportunity to speak with you to communicate this directly.

While I meant my comments in a light-hearted manner, I accept that they made you feel embarrassed and insulted. I got it wrong, and I deeply regret this. I am sorry.

I want to reassure you that I was not intoxicated when we met. Regardless, my behaviour was unbecoming of a government minister.

Please let me know if you feel it would be valuable for us to speak and when would suit you.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew



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