

## **Information Further to Ministerial Answers**

### **Information further to the supplementary question to OAQ23789, issued by Rhodri Morgan, the First Minister, on 1 April 2003**

#### **To David Ian Jones:**

Arising from your oral question to me on 1 April, I promised to write to you on the issue of the weekly transportation of nuclear material along the north Wales coast from Wylfa to Sellafield.

The new threat posed by terrorist groups in the wake of 11 September has obviously raised concerns about the risks and vulnerabilities of nuclear materials and nuclear installations in general. The after effects of the Chernobyl incident in April 1986 have demonstrated how devastating and how extensive a nuclear incident can be.

As a consequence, considerable work has been undertaken to strengthen resilience in this area. I have formally endorsed this work and have asked for further work to be done to identify any additional longer-term actions. I have also asked to be kept informed of further developments, particularly with regard to Wylfa and Trawsfynydd.

The Department of Trade and Industry is aware of the security and safety issues involved in transporting nuclear material by rail and continues to take steps to mitigate vulnerabilities. However, I am sure you can appreciate that the security implications of this information means that I am not in a position to share it with you in detail.