

**Pwyllgor yr Economi,
Masnach a Materion Gwledig**

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**Economy, Trade and
Rural Affairs Committee**

The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP
Secretary of State for Transport

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Dear Grant,

Recently, the Senedd's Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee held a short inquiry into the HGV drivers shortage and associated supply chain issues. During a debate on the Committee's report the Welsh Government expressed disappointment that £32.5 million of new funding to improve lorry parking facilities will only be made available for England and asserted that provision of road side facilities for drivers (namely rest stops) were a reserved matter. I have subsequently corresponded with the Welsh Government who have made some clarifications.

However, I would be keen to understand the UK Government's view on the matter. Do you believe that road side conditions for HGV drivers, including rest stops, are reserved, or devolved to the Senedd, including the statutory basis for your view?

I have also included a copy of the report the on HGV driver shortages and related supply chain issues. Although the Inquiry looked at the subject though a Welsh lens many of the issues we covered relate to the whole of the UK so I thought you may find it interesting.

Kind regards,



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