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Dear Rhun,

Following OAQ(4)0610(FIN) on collaboration between Wales and Ireland in relation to European programmes (14 October), you asked if I would give an undertaking to work closely with the Dublin Port Company on the delivery of improvements to port access at Holyhead.

I have asked my officials in the Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO) to consider potential opportunities via the ERDF and the Ireland Wales 2014-2020 programmes for improving port access at Holyhead and collaboration with the Dublin Port Company.

The Ireland Wales cross-border programme recognises the importance of the Sea route between Holyhead and Dublin but the programme is not of sufficient scale to support transport infrastructure development.

As there is no direct support of port infrastructure within the West Wales & the Valleys ERDF 2014-2020 programmes, improving access to the port would need to be directly linked to investment in relation to the A55. I understand that Welsh Government transport officials are already revisiting options for improving access to the port from the A55 and the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport has earmarked funding to establish if a sound business case exists to move this work forward.

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