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**Economy, Trade, and
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The Rt Hon. Elin Jones MS
Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee

20 February 2024

Dear Llywydd,

In line with Standing Order 11.19.2, I am writing to request permission from Business Committee to hold an extraordinary meeting of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee on Thursday 14th of March. I have included an indicative agenda below.

The Committee intends to use this meeting time to take evidence from the Secretary of State for Wales as part of our work on the Future of Welsh Steel. Due to the urgent nature of this work, Members would like to hear from the Secretary of State as soon as possible. After exploration of possible dates between the clerking team and the Minister's office, this is the closest appropriate time we could take this evidence.

The Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee and the Health and Social Care Committee have meetings scheduled on the 14th of March. Hefin David MS is a member of both our Committee and the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee. They are anticipating a finishing time of 13:30 for their meeting. I have made arrangements with Hefin and he is content with the short turn around between Committees on the day. We also share a Member with the Children, Young People and Education Committee who have a reserve slot on the 14th of March. They are considering using that reserve slot, however if they do they anticipate their meeting will finish at 11:00 so this should not pose any issues.

Indicative agenda:

13:35-13:45 – Private pre-meet

13:45-14:45 – Future of Welsh Steel: Secretary of State for Wales

14:45-14:55 – Private consideration of evidence

I have copied this letter to Delyth Jewell MS in her capacity as Chair of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee; Jayne Bryant MS in her capacity as Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee and Russell George MS in his capacity as Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee for their information.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and 'D'.

Paul Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English