

The Rt Hon Claire Coutinho MP
Secretary of State for Energy Security and
Net Zero
Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

29 February 2024

**Senedd Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee: Report - Nuclear Energy and the Welsh
Economy**

Dear Secretary of State,

You will be aware that last week the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee published a report of its one-day snapshot inquiry into [Nuclear Energy and the Welsh Economy](#).

The report focused on the economic implications of new nuclear developments in Wales. It made six recommendations, the majority of which are directed at the Welsh Government, relating to areas including skills development, supporting Welsh supply chains and partnership working.

Key decisions on the UK's civil nuclear programme are however a reserved matter, and the Committee noted the publication of 'Civil nuclear: Roadmap to 2050' on 11 January. Recommendation 1 of the report calls for the UK Government to set out more detail of its plans, and in particular "when it will confirm the designated sites for future nuclear projects, the kinds of technology to be deployed, and the timeframes for implementation."

It would therefore be helpful for the Committee to receive a response to this recommendation from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero. We expect to receive Welsh Government's response to our report by Friday 5 April, with a debate in the Senedd scheduled for Wednesday 17 April. It would therefore be very helpful for the Committee to receive your response in line with those timescales.

I have also copied this letter to the Secretary of State for Wales for his 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 a long, sweeping underline.

Paul Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

CC: The Rt Hon David TC Davies MP, Secretary of State for Wales

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

