

Jeremy Miles MS  
Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language

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Dear Cabinet Secretary

### **Follow up to meeting of 26 June 2024**

Thank you for attending the general ministerial scrutiny session and the green economy session on 26 June. Due to time constraints there were some questions we could not cover in the session, as set out below:

#### **Freeports**

Your paper highlights the delays caused by the UK General Election in approving the outline business cases (OBCs) for the two Welsh freeports and designating tax sites. What timescales are you working towards in terms of being able to make announcements on these areas with the next UK Government?

Your written evidence identified that ministerial sign-off would be required for the Anglesey Freeport's OBC, as there were substantive issues to resolve. Have these issues now been resolved to your satisfaction, and have you signed off the OBC?

Members also welcomed your offer to write to the Committee to advise on the actions Welsh Government are taking to substitute and improve food security around basic products, and to provide more information on the reasons for pausing trade deal negotiations with Canada and Mexico. Members also welcomed your commitment to publishing the Welsh Government's paper on its approach to trade policy and the cross-cutting policy objectives after the general election.

I would be grateful to receive your written response to these points.

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 tail on the 's'.

**Paul Davies MS**

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English