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Dear Jonathan and Ed,

The Green Economy

The Senedd's Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee has been holding an [inquiry into the green economy](#). The Committee has been looking at how the Welsh Government can maximise opportunities presented by the green economy, any barriers that Wales currently faces, and how to ensure we have the skills in Wales to support transition to a green economy. This includes looking at how the Welsh Government can work with partners to realise the potential of the green economy, and what support workers and employers will need as part of a just transition.

I note the new UK Government has made many commitments related to green economy initiatives such as the National Wealth Fund, the establishment of Great British Energy and the wider support for wind power including floating offshore wind. As part of this inquiry I would be very interested in your early thoughts on the impact of these commitments on Wales and how you are intending to work with the Welsh Government to support both the green economy here in Wales and a just transition.



I should note that the Committee is undertaking specific work into the Future of Welsh Steel which includes looking at the proposed closure of the remaining blast furnace in Port Talbot, Tata's transition to electric arc furnace production and support the affected workers, their families and communities may need through this transition. We are currently in discussions with the Secretary of State for Wales to find an appropriate date for her to give evidence to the Committee as part of this work.

I would be grateful if you could send me your views on this issue by 11 September as this will allow us time to consider your response and incorporate it into the report we are hoping to issue in the autumn. I look forward to hearing from you.

I have sent a copy of this letter to Jo Stevens MP, Secretary of State for Wales, for her information.

Kind regards,



Paul Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

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