

Darragh O'Brien T.D.
Minister for Transport

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Dear Minister,

Holyhead Port Storm Damage and Closure

The Senedd's Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee has decided to undertake a short inquiry into the recent storm damage and related closure of Holyhead Port. Members agreed to focus the inquiry on:

- **Causes:** the factors contributing to the severity of the damage;
- **Communication:** the approach to communication during and after the storm, including communication with port users, communities and businesses affected by the closure as well as between Governments;
- **Remediation:** the speed of response in assessing and repairing the damage, including the support provided by Governments; and
- **Impact:** the impacts of the closure, as well as the extent and effectiveness of the steps being taken to mitigate impacts.

As the Committee intends this to be a short, focused inquiry, we will not be opening a public consultation. However, we have decided to write to key interested parties for their views.

We would be keen to hear your views on the causes, communications, remediation, and impact. We would also welcome any other information or evidence on the matter that you see fit. Providing this evidence would help us understand the circumstances which led to the Port's closure, the issues that



arose from it, and allow us to form recommendations for the Welsh Government to help avoid a repetition of said issues.

Thank you in advance for your engagement. If possible, I would appreciate your contribution by 19 February to help inform our evidence session scheduled for 6 March.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew RT Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Andrew RT Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English



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