

Llyr Gruffydd MS

Chair

Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee

5 February 2025

Dear Llyr,

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. The Committee has agreed the inquiry should focus 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 Government; and
- **Impact:** the impact of the closure, as well as the extent and effectiveness of the steps being taken to mitigate the impact.

We intend to hold a one-day evidence session on 6 March and are hoping to hold four panels covering:

- Ports;
- Trade and Logistics;

- Business and Local Government; and
- The Welsh Government position.

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. This will include the Irish Government, business representatives specifically including freight, representatives of tourism providers in north Wales and workers' representatives.

As this is a cross-cutting issue which covers policy within both our Committees' remits, I would like to invite members of The Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee to participate in this inquiry and attend our session on 6 March. I have asked our Clerk to discuss the practicalities of this with your Clerk.

I look forward to working with you and your committee on this important issue.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew RT Davies". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Andrew RT Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English