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Committee visit to Big Pit National Coal Museum

Dear Jane,

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks for hosting the Committee during our recent visit to the Big Pit National Coal Museum. The time and effort your team dedicated to accommodating us were greatly appreciated, and the discussions we had were immensely insightful. Particularly, we would like to thank our tour guides who were most engaging and generous in sharing their knowledge.

To build on the valuable insights gained during our visit, I am writing to kindly request further information on several key areas that were discussed:

1. **Data on the Previous Charging Trial:** Could you provide an overview of the outcomes from the previous charging trial, including any relevant datasets or reports?
2. **Data for the Upcoming Charging Trial:** It would also be helpful to understand the datasets you plan to collect during the new charging trial to better understand its objectives and methodology.
3. **Impact Assessment on Accessibility:** Could you share details of your proposed approach to assessing how the charging model might impact accessibility for various visitor groups?
4. **Climate Change Risks to Big Pit:** We are keen to understand the risk that gas release caused by climate change poses to Big Pit and what strategies are being considered to address these challenges.



5. **Income from Charging at Big Pit:** Could you share insights into how much revenue income is currently or potentially generated from charging at Big Pit?
6. **Balancing the Cost of Free Entry:** If Amgueddfa Cymru were not to receive the income generated from charging for underground tours, what mitigation would need to be considered for operations to continue on current income levels?

Once again, thank you for your hospitality during our recent visit. I look forward to your response which will be most helpful to our inquiry on charging for exhibitions which we are due to report on in May.

Yours sincerely



Delyth Jewell MS
Committee Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

