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Dear Simon and Debra,

**Follow-up from the Committee visit to the Global Centre of Rail Excellence –
18 September 2025**

Thank you for hosting our visit to the Global Centre of Rail Excellence last week. Members really appreciated the tour of the site and you taking time to answer our questions.

Following the visit Members have a few follow-up questions I hope you would be so kind as to answer:

- What was the sale price of the site?
- Which corporate body sold and brought the site, and who owns it now?
- What is the total value of the Welsh and UK Government funding committed to the project so far?
- How much of that funding has been spent, how much committed funding is still to be drawn down, and what are future spend projections?
- Are there any draw down conditions on remaining funding?



- What is the relationship between the Walters Group and the project?
- What discussions have you had with the National Wealth Fund about the potential for the fund to support the development of the GCRE?

We discussed our visit in our meeting this week and have decided to also write to the Welsh and UK Governments with some follow up questions. We will publish those letters as part of our meeting papers.

Yours sincerely,

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

Andrew RT Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English