

Rebecca Evans MS
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Welsh Government

The Rt Hon Jo Stevens MP
Secretary of State for Wales
UK Government

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Dear Rebecca and Jo,

Future of Welsh Steel session – 9 October 2025

On Thursday 9 October we held a meeting on the future of Welsh steel, looking at what has happened in the year since the closure of the blast furnaces at Port Talbot. As part of this work, we explored the experience of the workers who have been laid off and the wider community.

During this meeting we heard from representatives of the Tata Multi Union Committee at Port Talbot. We invited the Multi Union Committee to give evidence because, while we were keen to hear from Tata and from senior union representatives, we also wanted to understand what was happening and what people were feeling at a more 'grass roots' level.

The Multi Union Committee representatives provided important and powerful evidence and firsthand insight into the impact of this transition, the needs of affected workers and local communities. I encourage you to read the [transcript of this panel](#) available on the Senedd website.

The Committee was extremely disappointed to hear that local union representatives have not been included on the Transition Board. We believe their expertise and local perspective would be invaluable, and their exclusion undermines the Board's ability to secure buy-in for its work from local communities and deliver meaningful support.



We would strongly urge you to invite a representative of the Multi Union Committee to join future Transition Board meetings and engage fully in its work going forwards. Please can you tell us whether you intend to do this, and if you decide not to extend this invitation, please can you write to the Committee setting out your reasons for doing so.

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