

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

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Dear Jo,

**Invitation to give oral evidence to the Committee on the developments in the
Welsh steel industry**

The Committee is currently examining the consequences of Tata's decision to close the Port Talbot blast furnaces and transition to electric arc furnace steelmaking. Our ongoing inquiry is considering the future of the Welsh steel industry, the impact of job losses on steelworkers and their communities, and the support being provided both by the Transition Board and through additional channels.

I am aware that the committee clerk has been in contact with your officials to arrange a suitable date for your attendance at the Committee, so the Committee is able to understand the UK Government's perspective on a number of key issues relating to the transition at Port Talbot and the future of the steel industry. While I understand your preference is to wait until the new UK Government Steel Strategy is published a plethora of serious issues which have arisen in the Welsh steel industry over the last few weeks including the recent announcement regarding extended Christmas shutdowns at Tata's Port Talbot, Llanwern, and Trostre sites. As a result it is imperative we receive evidence from the UK Government on these crucial and urgent issues at the earliest opportunity.

We have capacity to hold this evidence session on the 3, 11 or 18 of December. If these dates do not work for you the committee clerk can advise your officials on other available slots.

Thank you for your attention to this vitally important issue.



Yours sincerely,

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English



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