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Dear Julian,

### **Future of Welsh Steel**

The Senedd's Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee is undertaking an ongoing piece of work on the Future of Welsh Steel. As part of this, we have been looking at Tata's transition to Electric Arc Furnace steelmaking in Port Talbot.

As part of our work, we have been exploring future economic opportunities in Port Talbot and the surrounding areas, and the role that Tata, the supply chain, and the local workforce may be able to play in these.

When we spoke to Tata about this they told us: "As we move forward, we will work with all people who are potentially interested in using parts of the site to work and deliver their own business. And, as far as the EAF is concerned, once we start making the steel, that steel is available for everyone to use in their respective applications."

In light of the developments at the Steelworks and as part of our work on the Future of Welsh Steel, we would be grateful if you could answer the following questions:

- What role do you expect Tata's operations at Port Talbot to play in relation to the Celtic Freeport?



- What opportunities do you anticipate there will be to use steel from Port Talbot in relation to Celtic Freeport projects, and in relation to upcoming floating offshore wind developments?
- What discussions have you had with Tata in relation to these potential opportunities?
- What potential do you believe there is for the Celtic Freeport to support the creation of secure, well-paid jobs for those affected by the job losses at Tata, and how do you intend to realise these opportunities?

I have also written to Celtic Freeport to pose these questions, and am happy to receive an individual or a joint response as you see fit. Thank you in advance for your time and help with this inquiry, I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew RT Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English