

Rt Hon Peter Kyle MP
Secretary of State for Business and Trade
UK Government

10 November 2025

Dear Peter,

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

The Senedd's Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs 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.

At the Committee's meeting on 5 November we discussed a letter we have issued to the Secretary of State for Wales inviting her to give evidence on this matter, and that we are yet to receive a reply to.

The Committee is keen to take evidence from a UK Government representative at the earliest opportunity, particularly in light of the plethora of issues that have affected the Welsh steel industry recently. As you will be aware, these include the recent announcements regarding:

- The extended Christmas shutdowns at Tata's Port Talbot, Llanwern and Trostre sites;
- The European Commission's announcement regarding potential tariffs; and
- Media reports suggesting planned UK Government grants for steel innovations projects may no longer go ahead.



As the Secretary of State with responsibility for steel, Members agreed to write to invite you to provide oral evidence to the Committee, so that the Committee is able to fully understand the UK Government's perspective on a number of key issues relating to the transition at Port Talbot and the future of the industry.

We have capacity to hold this evidence session on the 3, 11 or 18 of December, or alternatively 14, 21 or 29 January. 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.

I have copied this letter to Jo Stevens MP, Secretary of State for Wales.

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

CC: Rt Hon Jo Stevens MP, Secretary of State for Wales, UK Government