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Dear Andrew

Thank you for your letter regarding an update on the progress of the Freight and Logistics Strategy.

Following discussions at the Irish Sea taskforce meetings, I decided that a combined port and maritime, freight and logistics plan would be preferable, given the strong links and interdependencies between the sectors. A scoping document for the plan has been drafted and is being refined following external stakeholder feedback. This scoping document will then be developed into the plan, which will set out for the sectors a list of recommended priority actions for the next Welsh Government to consider. We will publish this plan before the end of the Government term.

My officials are also preparing the formation of a new Ports and Maritime Transport, Freight and Logistics Council, which I see as a natural progression from the current Irish Sea Taskforce. I intend to hold the first meeting of the new Council before the end of the Senedd term, with the aspiration that it becomes a supportive driving force to help the next Welsh Government deliver tangible benefits to both sectors. Ahead of the first meeting of the Council I will update you on its initial membership and its proposed terms of reference.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Finally, we have formal agreement to start procuring work on mapping Welsh truck stops and expect to issue approval to consultants to commence this work within the next few weeks.

Thank you for your continued engagement on these matters. I will keep you updated as work progresses.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Skates', with a stylized, looping flourish extending from the end.

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