

Rebecca Evans MS

Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

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Dear Rebecca

Follow-up from the General Ministerial Scrutiny session held on 3 December 2025

Thank you for attending the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee on 3 December. Following the session, the Committee discussed the evidence you gave and would appreciate your response to the following follow-up questions.

AI Growth Zones – Please could you provide some more detail on AI Growth Zones, particularly what exactly you anticipate the zones will do and what you are hoping they will deliver?

Jobs created and protected – You kindly offered to share more information on this in our session. In that detail, please could you include your exact definitions for jobs created and protected, including timeframes for how long the job must last post intervention.

In the session, you offered to send the Committee follow-up information on several points. The clerking team has already sent this list to your officials, but I felt for completeness we should also include it here. You offered to share:

1. Further detail regarding Global Centre of Rail Excellence funding (ROP paragraphs 22-24);
2. Further detail of the project to use heat generated from old mines being carried out by the Mining Remediation Authority (ROP paragraph 90);
3. The analysis of the number and location of jobs created and safeguarded through Welsh Government support (ROP paragraph 163);



4. Your expectations for the delivery of economic development by Corporate Joint Committees (ROP paragraph 200);
5. Further detail of the support for SMEs regarding attracting inward investment, how that supports the supply chains, upskilling SMEs, the use of AI, and what Business Wales is offering in these areas (ROP paragraphs 206-208); and
6. Further detail on the work undertaken by the Welsh Government in terms of jobs at risk and the impact of AI on the jobs market (ROP paragraph 216).

Thank you for the time you gave to attend Committee. We would appreciate receiving your responses by 15 January to assist with our ongoing work.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew RT Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style with some capital letters.

Andrew RT Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English