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Dear Martin and Eugene,

### **Holyhead Port closures**

As you will be aware, the Port of Holyhead has experienced two recent berthing incidents, one in December and another earlier this month. The December incident led to the closure of Terminal 5, while the most recent incident resulted in the full closure of the Port on 7 January.

The insight you shared with the Committee regarding the 2024/25 closure was very helpful in enabling Members to understand how the closure affected hauliers and the issues they faced as a result. I would be grateful if you could share your views on the most recent closure. In particular, I would appreciate your thoughts on the following:

- What are your views on the differences between the response to the 2024/25 closure and the 2026 closure?
- Do you believe lessons were learned from the last closure?
- How have you found engagement with the Irish Sea Taskforce?
- The Welsh Government was previously working on a freight strategy and the Cabinet Secretary told us the work of the taskforce would contribute to it. Subsequently, the



Cabinet Secretary has announced the Taskforce's recommendations will be reflected in a ports and maritime, freight and logistics plan. Do you have any views on this decision and the Welsh Government's engagement around the freight strategy/new plan?

- Is there anything else you think we might find useful regarding the Port and the incidents?

Thank you for your continued engagement with the Committee, your insight is invaluable in helping us to understand the situation and to form our recommendations.

I have copied this letter to Llyr Gruffydd in his capacity as Chair of the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee as transport sits within their remit.

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

CC: Llyr Gruffydd MS, Chair, Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee