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Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership

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Dear Rebecca and Jack,

**Follow-up from the General Ministerial Scrutiny session held on 25 February 2026**

Thank you for attending the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee meeting on 25 February. During the session, you offered to send the Committee follow-up information on several points.

For completeness, I have included these points below:

1. The latest position regarding identifying an investment partner for the north Wales AI Growth Zone;
2. The development of a defence cluster, and how this is expected to work;
3. The various workstreams implementing the recommendations of the floating offshore wind task and finish group;
4. The timeline for the decision to accelerate an audit of rest facilities for heavy goods vehicle drivers being undertaken by the Welsh Government as a priority action;
5. An update on negotiations around non-Jobcentre Plus funding;
6. The latest position on Gilestone Farm, including the Welsh Government's ambition for this investment now.



Alongside these points, during the session it was noted that there are two metrics for measuring apprenticeship starts. The Committee would like to receive clarification on the primary measure used by the Welsh Government during this Senedd term, and if this approach has been recently changed.

Given time constraints presented by the upcoming dissolution period, I would be grateful if you could respond to the above points by 12 March 2026.

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

