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30th September 2015

William Graham AM,
Chair Enterprise and Business
Committee
C/O Martha Da Gama Howells
Clerk, Enterprise and Business
Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.

Dear William

RE: Inquiry into the Potential of the Maritime Economy in Wales

I write to you with regards to the above inquiry the Enterprise and Business Committee is currently carrying out. In particular, I write with regards to the following questions:

- How can Wales realise the strategic importance of planned initiatives such as the tidal lagoon projects in West Wales and the Anglesey Energy Island Programme?
- We would like you to contact us and tell us what you think are the key barriers and risks to development of marine energy and how Wales can help overcome these.

Our Construction Skills Network report for 2015-19 projects Wales will see an annual growth rate in output of 5.8 per cent over the period concerned. This is considerably above the growth rate projected for other UK nations. A number of large projects including the development of the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon and the work necessary to deliver Wylfa Newydd have a large bearing on this growth trajectory.

As a result of this potential growth, Wales' construction sector will have an average annual recruitment requirement of 5,320 each year which is equivalent to 4.8 per cent of Wales' construction employment base. In this context, CITB Cymru Wales believes the committee should consider the delivery of an appropriately skilled construction workforce as a pre-requisite of success for the maritime economy, particularly around developments associated with the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon and the Energy Island Programme on Anglesey.

CITB Cymru Wales is also currently working with Tidal Lagoon Power and the Welsh Government to inform the skills requirements associated with the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon.

If you require any further information around the projects mentioned above or any of CITB Cymru Wales' labour market intelligence then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark Bodger'.

Mark Bodger
Strategic Partnerships Director