

William Graham AM
Chair, Enterprise and Business Committee
National Assembly for Wales
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Cardiff Bay CF99 1NA

31 March 2016

Dear William

PETITION ABOUT TATA STEEL PORT TALBOT POWER PLANT

The following petition was submitted to the Assembly using our online petitions system on 10 February. It closed for signatures earlier today having been signed by 531 people.

We the undersigned call upon the Welsh Government to use all levers at its disposal, including financial levers, to support the completion of a new power plant planned for Port Talbot steels works. The construction of this plant will create jobs and when it is operational it will reduce emissions, reduce Tata's running costs and help to safeguard vital jobs in the area.

In line with our usual practice I wrote on 23 February to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport, Edwina Hart AM to ask for her views on the petition to help inform the consideration of the petition in due course by the incoming Petitions Committee. The Minister replied on 26 February and I enclose a copy of my letter and her reply.

The Petitions Committee will not meet again in this Assembly and it will be for the incoming Committee to decide detailed action on the petition. However, the petition clearly raises issues relevant to your Committee's meeting next week, which will take evidence on the current situation in the Welsh steel industry.

I would be grateful, therefore, if the Enterprise and Business Committee could note the petition and its content when it meets next week. The Committee may



also find the issues it raises and the Minister's response of assistance in your deliberations.

Can I also draw to your attention that we have arranged with the lead petitioner, Mr Peter Bamsey, that he will formally handover the petition to me and other Members of the current Petitions Committee on Monday 4 April at 12:45pm on the steps of the Senedd. You and other Members of the Enterprise and Business Committee are welcome to join us, as are other Assembly Members.

Yours ever,

William.

William Powell AM

Chair

Petitions Committee





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23 February 2016

P-04- 688 TATA Steel Port Talbot Power Plant

Dear Minister

The Petitions Committee has received the following petition from Peter Bamsey, which is collecting signatures:

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In advance of our first consideration of this petition the Committee would like to seek your views on the issues raised.

Please forward your response to the Clerking Team at Petition@Wales.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Edwina Hart MBE CStJ AC / AM
Gweinidog yr Economi, Gwyddoniaeth a Thrafnidiaeth
Minister for Economy, Science and Transport



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Welsh Government

Eich cyf/Your ref P-04-688
Ein cyf/Our ref EH/00848/16

William Powell AM
Chair - Petitions Committee

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26 February 2016

Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 23 February regarding a petition you have received on Welsh Government support for completing a new power plant for the Tata Steel Port Talbot Power Plant.

The Welsh Government works very closely with Tata Steel and it is no secret that the company, like the rest of the industry, is facing extremely challenging operating conditions but the Welsh Government stands ready to do whatever it can to support our steel industry.

Solutions to the current crisis and the longer term plan for a sustainable steel sector in Wales must be founded on partnership working between the industry and Government at all levels.

The steel sector is considered to be a restricted sector and therefore cannot benefit from receiving all types of state aid including rescue and restructuring aid for companies in difficulty or regional aid for capital investment projects in assisted areas. However, the steel sector is eligible to receive other types of

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state aid such as support for environmental protection and research and development measures.

Edwina Hart