

Rebecca Evans MS

Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

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Dear Rebecca,

The future of Welsh steel

Thank you for attending the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee's recent evidence session on the future of Welsh steel. Following the session, Members agreed that I would write to you to seek further information on points raised during the session, in addition to addressing some questions we did not have time to reach.

I would therefore be grateful if you could respond to the following points:

- Could you set out what preparations are in place to respond to a potential increase in demand for the Welsh Government's support initiatives available for workers, business and the supply chain over the coming months?
- Could you set out what data is currently being collected, and what further data is planned to be collected, in relation to access to the support being delivered by the Welsh Government?

Future investment in Port Talbot and the surrounding areas

- How are you working alongside the UK Government and business to secure opportunities for Welsh steel to be used in the floating offshore wind turbines that will be needed in the Celtic Sea over the coming years?
- We note that the tax sites for the Celtic Freeport have recently been designated, and that the UK and Welsh governments have approved the Outline Business Case. Could you set



out the likely timescales for completing the remaining stages before the freeport becomes fully operational, and confirm what discussions you have had about investment in the freeport sites?

- The Celtic Freeport and floating offshore wind are anticipated to deliver benefits over the longer-term. Could you set out you are working together with the UK Government to bring investment and sustainable, well-paid jobs to Port Talbot and the surrounding areas over the interim period?

I will be writing along similar lines to the Secretary of State for Wales.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Kind sincerely,



Paul Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

