

Rebecca Evans MS

Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

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Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales

20 December 2024

Dear both,

Temporary closure of Holyhead Port

In light of the recent news that Holyhead Port is due to be closed until at least 15 January due to damage from Storm Darragh, the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee is aware of the significant concern this will cause for businesses and the local community, in addition to the difficulty this will pose to those travelling between north Wales and Ireland over the Christmas period.

I would therefore be grateful if you could provide the following information to the Committee:

- Could you set out what support the Welsh Government will provide to businesses and workers affected by the temporary closure, and whether you have had discussions with the UK Government about a joint approach to supporting those affected.
- Please could you also tell us how you are working with partners to support the port to be able to reopen as soon as it is possible to do so safely. I would be grateful if you could outline what plans the Welsh Government and others have to invest in the port to support its recovery, and to minimise the risk of similar events happening in the future.

I would also be grateful if you could keep the Committee updated if and when there is any change to the expected date of when the port will be able to reopen.



I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Davies'.

Paul Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

CC: Chair, Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee