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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your written question on what steps will the Welsh Government take to reduce the impact the Royal Mail strikes will have on the people of Wales?

In order to understand the likely impact of the strike action on the people of Wales, I met separately with Royal Mail and the Communication Workers Union at the start of this industrial action in July. I have recently (6 October) asked both parties for an update on the situation.

I know that many people in Wales rely on the Royal Mail including for deliveries of medicines and I have been assured that these deliveries are being prioritised, so delays should be minimal. Royal Mail is then prioritising delivery of its tracked mail.

Royal Mail is, of course, a private company and there is limited action I can take to influence the outcome of this dispute. I have however, urged both sides to return to the negotiating table. I am also concerned about the impact of the ongoing action on striking postal workers and their families.

I understand that the CWU has called off planned action due to take place over the next two weeks and that both sides were due to meet at ACAS on 31 October.

Yours sincerely,

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