



Ein cyf/Our ref WQ95305

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Dear Rhun,

Thank you for your written question WQ95305, regarding the Port of Holyhead. I apologise for the lateness of the response.

Stena Line, who operate the Port, have indicated that remedial work is currently on schedule for a partial reopening of the Port on 16 January.

As you are aware, I made a statement regarding the Port of Holyhead in Plenary on the 7 January.

Alongside the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning, I intend to establish a Welsh Government led multi-stakeholder task force to develop a new strategy for the future of Holyhead. Minister Lawless from the Irish Government has kindly agreed to join me in driving forward this project, so that we can ensure that the port will meet the future needs of both nations.

I will announce further details of this task force in due course but expect to invite participation from all of the major players in the Welsh & Irish ports and ferry industry, the UK Government, local authorities, regional business representatives, logistics bodies and surface transport operators.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I believe the task force will help secure a successful future for the Port of Holyhead.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

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Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Drafnidiaeth a Gogledd Cymru
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