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Dear Rhys ab Owen

Thank you for the Written Question (WQ90212) you tabled on 12/12/2023 asking: 'What discussions has the Minister had with the Cardiff Capital Regional cabinet to ensure the proper public scrutiny of the Barry Docks Interchange development?'

I have not had any discussions with the Cardiff Capital Regional cabinet regarding the Barry Docks Interchange development. Our Welsh transport appraisal guidance (WelTAG) sets out that there must be opportunity for public scrutiny during the development of all transport projects. This includes public engagement and consultation during the development of the project, and monitoring and evaluation of a project during and after delivery.

The development at Barry Docks provides an integrated solution to transport needs, linking the rail station with a bus interchange, provision for park and ride, bike facilities and links to active travel routes in the area, as well as the development of the infrastructure needed to cater for electric cars, taxis and buses at the station. It has been a challenging time for bus services across Wales, but I am pleased that buses have started to run to the interchange this year.

Yours sincerely

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