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Ein cyf/Our ref: WQ91251

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Dear Andrew,

I write in response to WQ91251: Has the Minister had discussions with the UK Government about financial support for steel jobs in Port Talbot in 2025, 2026 or 2027?

I have written to successive UK Government Secretaries of State with responsibility for steel seeking a regular and formal dialogue regarding the long term future of the Welsh steel industry. I have also raised this matter with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in addition to representations made by the First Minister and the Minister for Finance and Local Government to the Prime Minister and the Chief Secretary to the Treasury respectively.

In refusing to involve the Welsh Government in their negotiations with the company on a transition plan for Tata Steel in Wales, the UK Government actively blocked the route for a joint approach.

Yours sincerely,

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