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Dear Samuel,

Thank you for your Written Question 92578 regarding the progress of Wales's two freeports.

The UK and Welsh Governments have jointly assessed the Outline Business Cases (OBC) submitted by the Anglesey Freeport and Celtic Freeport consortiums. Formal feedback was provided to the consortiums on 3 April, setting out the critical actions to be addressed by each to allow for the approval of the OBC. Responses to these actions were received on 22 April and are now being assessed by both governments.

Once the OBC's are approved, the UK and Welsh Governments will work together on the legislation required to formally designate the associated Freeport tax sites. The timings for tax site designations will be confirmed with the UK Government once final approval of the OBC has been granted.

Following approval of the OBC, the Freeport will be invited to develop and submit a Full Business Case, which will lead to the release of seed capital funding.

Yours sincerely,

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