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Dear Andrew

I am writing in response to your written question - What consideration did the Welsh Government give to the impact on Wales's economic growth when introducing a freeze on road building? (WQ86856).

Since the publication of the landmark Stern review in 2006, numerous studies have concluded that a failure to act on climate change will have a severe impact on UK GDP and future economic prosperity.

A recent report published by the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment found that, under current policies, the total cost of climate change to the UK is projected to increase from 1.1% of GDP at present to 3.3% by 2050 and 7.4% by 2100.

I have always been clear that the Roads Review is not the end of all road construction in Wales.

This review is about ensuring that our road investment is aligned not just to our Wales Transport Strategy and Net Zero Wales, but also our wider Welsh Government Programme for Government commitments to creating a stronger, greener economy.

Yours sincerely

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