



Ein cyf/Our ref: WQ90667

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Dear Andrew,

I write in response to WQ90667: How much money has the Welsh Government a) offered, and b) paid, in an effort to save jobs at Tata Steel in Port Talbot?

Between 2009 and 2019 we provided Tata with more than £17m in grant funding across skills, R&D and environmental projects.

The Company has not requested any direct grant funding from the Welsh Government since 2019. However, Tata Steel has received ongoing support for engineering, craft and management apprenticeships.

Clearly the Welsh Government does not have the resources or indeed the powers that the UK Government has, but since the UK Government and Company's joint announcement on 15 September we have continued to make it clear that we would be prepared to do what we can to support the Company and its employees.

It was disappointing that the Welsh Government was excluded from discussions on the agreement reached in September last year, leaving us unsighted on aspects that touch on devolved competence.

I have written to successive Secretary of States regarding Tata and made it clear that we were prepared to do what we can to support the company while making the case for a reliable and formal dialogue that includes the Welsh Government in ongoing talks.

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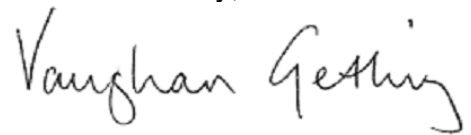
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vaughan Gething AS/MS

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Minister for Economy