



Ein cyf/Our ref WQ91546

Andrew RT Davies

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Dear Andrew,

Further to your written question WQ91546 tabled to the previous Minister for Climate Change regarding electric vehicles reducing carbon emissions. I am responding due to my portfolio responsibilities. Thank you for your patience.

The transition to zero emission vehicles is a vital part our plans to reduce carbon emissions as set out in Net Zero Wales: Carbon Budget 2. At the end of 2023, the Senedd agreed the introduction of the Zero Emission Vehicle Mandate from January this year. This legislation, developed with the Scottish Government and UK Government ensures that 80% on new car and 70% of new van sales will be zero emission by 2030. This gives the required clear direction to both vehicle manufacturers and chargepoint providers.

The Welsh Government is also ensuring the delivery of a safe, convenient and reliable network of electric vehicle charging points in support of the transition to electric vehicles, embedded within a sustainable transport system.

The Welsh Government is supporting the delivery of charging infrastructure at Transport for Wales rail stations and supporting local authorities to equip Park & Ride sites, schools and community facilities with charging points.

We are actively working with a number of chargepoint operators to accelerate the stream of private investment in charging infrastructure that we're now seeing across Wales. Transport for Wales have engaged with over fifty companies delivering charging infrastructure and work closely across industry, local authorities and utilities providers to ensure close collaboration in targeting barriers to and opportunities for delivery.

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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.

Welsh Government has already delivered projects to ensure that a basic level of charging facilities are in place across Wales to reduce range anxiety for EV drivers. Increasingly, the role of Welsh Government is going to focus on facilitating private sector investments across Wales and ensure equality of access for all, ensuring provision in areas where the private sector would not choose to invest on their own, e.g. in rural areas or on-street charging. The plan for EV charging is to ensure more equitable coverage throughout the development of the network.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken', written in a cursive style.

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