



The Right Honourable Elin Jones, MS
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Senedd Cymru
Cardiff Bay
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Dear Llywydd,

Record of Proceedings – 13 May 2025

Having reviewed the Senedd's Record of Proceedings from 13 May 2025, I wished to clarify a point I made during the Plenary session.

In response to OQ62690 from Delyth Jewell MS, I stated:

*"The remediation programme, of course, is about safety. Sometimes, coal will need to be moved around, or spoil including other minerals will need to be moved around, and so the Bill does need to cover that off. **But we've had a couple of tests in the court recently on our policy, and so far it has held.**"*

The Welsh Ministers have recently successfully defended a judicial review brought by the Coal Action Network, raised against both the Welsh Ministers and the Coal Authority, that sought to determine the scope of powers available to the Ministers under Section 26A of the Coal Industry Act 1994. Whilst the Welsh Government's Coal Policy (issued in March 2021) was discussed during this judicial review, it was not the basis of the challenge.

Yours sincerely,

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