



Ein cyf/Our ref: WQ97595

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Dear Janet

I am writing in response to your recent request for an answer to WQ97595 to which you have not received a reply. Unfortunately, when you submitted your question there was a technical error which meant we did not receive your WQ in the original commission back in October.

You asked, "What steps is the Welsh Government taking to limit the impact of emergency repairs on vital roads?"

When emergency repairs are required on our network, we always seek to minimise the impact on road users. Wherever possible, works are scheduled overnight to reduce disruption. However, this is not always feasible due to factors such as the specialist equipment required, noise restrictions, and the nature of the work—for example, pouring and curing concrete.

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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.

Decisions on whether to implement full road closures or alternative traffic management arrangements are made through a structured, risk-based process by our Trunk Road Agents. Our priority is to avoid full closures wherever possible. Lane closures managed by signals or stop/go systems are typically the first option considered to keep traffic moving. Full road closures and diversions are only used as a last resort, and only when the type of work, its location, or the safety of the workforce makes this unavoidable. These steps aim to balance the need for urgent repairs with the safety of workers and the travelling public, while limiting disruption on vital routes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Skates', followed by a large, stylized circular flourish.

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