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In Oral Questions 2 October I offered to write to you about the trans-European transport network and financial support for transport infrastructure in Pembrokeshire and connectivity with the ports of Fishguard and Milford Haven.

The Welsh Government, with European Regional Development Fund assistance, has made significant financial investment in Pembrokeshire.

The completed Bulford Road Link Road, supported by over £26.7m from the EU 2007-2013 funding programme, has helped improve access to Milford Haven port and major strategic energy sites such as Murco Oil and South Hook LNG for Heavy Goods Vehicles and heavy agricultural machinery. Previously this was a single lane road with passing points and the alternative access to these sites, the oil and gas terminals, was via Milford Haven Town Centre. The completed 2 km bypass for Roberston Wathen on A40, part of the E30 route of the Trans-European Road network, was also supported by over £20m from the ERDF in the last funding programme.

We have also committed over £49m of EU funding in the current (2014-2020) funding programme towards further projects on the A40 which will improve traffic flow to and from the ports including the construction of 2.5 km of new highway to the north of the village of Llanddewi Velfrey, 2.5 km of improved highway west of Ffynnon Wood and 10.8 km of improvements between St Clears and Haverfordwest introducing lengths of 2+1 carriageway to provide unambiguous overtaking opportunities in both directions and areas of improved road alignment.

This represents an investment of great significance to transport infrastructure and in the local economy, including the ports and the many businesses which depend on these gateways.
Unfortunately, I anticipate that our ability to continue investing in transport infrastructure in Pembrokeshire and across Wales will be impacted by Brexit, and by a no deal Brexit in particular. We will of course continue to press UK Government to ensure that Wales does not get a penny less of funding and gets its fair share in future.

Yours sincerely,

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