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The Future of Welsh Steel – Committee scrutiny

Annwyl Carwyn,

I am writing to you in relation to the Committee's ongoing work on the future of Welsh steel. Following Tata's announcement in January of their intention to close the blast furnaces in Port Talbot, the impact of job losses on the workers, the community and the wider Welsh economy has been at the forefront of Members' minds, and high on the Committee's agenda.

As part of our private discussions on the matter we have looked back at the Welsh Government's handling of the 2016 steel crisis, including your personal approach to engaging with Tata Steel in Wales and India. We would be very interested to hear your views on the current situation; particularly if you have any personal insights or lessons learnt from 2016 that you feel would be relevant to the handling of the current crisis.

If you would be willing to put your thoughts on this in writing it would be greatly appreciated by the Committee, which next meets on Wednesday 24 April.

Cofion cynnes,



Paul Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English