

Nusrat Ghani MP

Minister of State for Business and Trade

Department for Business and Trade

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Tata Steel – consideration of policies to secure scrap steel supply

Dear Minister,

At its meeting on 14 March the Committee took evidence from the Secretary of State for Wales, David TC Davies MP, on the Future of Welsh Steel. During the session, in relation to future plans for an electric arc furnace at Port Talbot utilising scrap steel, he was questioned on the potential use of surplus UK scrap steel in Tata's proposed electric arc furnace.

There have been calls for the UK Government to develop policies to ensure a sufficient supply of domestic scrap steel for use by UK steelmakers in the context of potential rising future demand. When asked what discussions the UK Government have had on this issue, the Secretary of State suggested we write to the Department for Business and Trade to seek more detail.

I would be grateful therefore if you could tell us more about the discussions that have been held, and what consideration has been given to developing policies to secure sufficient domestic scrap steel for use by UK-based steelmakers.

The Committee has been prioritising scrutiny of ongoing developments at Tata Steel due to the dire implications for the workers, community and wider Welsh economy. We look forward to your response.



Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and 'D'.

Paul Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

