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Dear Russell,

Thank you for your letter of 25 February regarding your scrutiny session with Transport for Wales (TfW), Network Rail and TfW Rail Services. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding, due to the pressures of the covid-19 pandemic.

Since the committee asked these questions in February the pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges to the rail sector in Wales. As a result we have implemented a new relationship between Transport for Wales, Keolis and Amey, better suited to delivering our ambitious vision for the future of public transport in Wales in a post-Covid environment. As such I do not think it would be helpful to the committee for me to provide detailed answers to the committee's past questions at this point.

I recently updated members on the future delivery model for TfW in my written statement on the future of rail which can be found at:

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-future-rail-update>

I also covered this ground when I attended the Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister on 22 October, to answer questions on the future of rail service, at which you were present.

Yours sincerely

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