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Andrew RT Davies MS
Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

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Dear Andrew

Thank you for your letter of 3 July regarding Holyhead Port storm damage and closure: Initial findings report.

We are in regular contact with Stena Line Ports regarding the Port of Holyhead re-opening date. Holyhead Port is a commercial entity and we are bound by the information that they share regarding the re-opening date. We have spoken with Stena about the berth re-opening delay and understand why it could not reopen on July 1st. Whilst this news will have disappointed some, we must recognise that services have been able to run at normal levels throughout this period and the delay is for a two-week period.

I look forward to the full reopening of the port.

In relation to Hannah Blythyn MS's question regarding protections for the maritime and seafarer workforce, I'm aware that the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership wrote to the Committee on the 25 June, confirming that the Welsh Government is working closely with the UK Government on the Employment Rights Bill, which paves the way for a legally binding Seafarers' Charter.

Yours sincerely

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