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Dear Zoë,

### **Grid connection to the new Electric Arc Furnace at Port Talbot**

On Wednesday 25 March the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee held its final session of the Sixth Senedd with panels considering the steel industry in Wales.

During our discussions, trade union representatives from the Port Talbot steelworks raised concerns that the new Electric Arc Furnace project might be delayed due to a lack of connection to the grid. They told us:

*"the grid connection is a major issue at the minute—the national grid connection, the electricity supply into that. We've been told ... that there was a couple of weeks' delay. It's probably looking like a few months now, unfortunately."*

As I am sure you will be aware, this project is of national significance to the Welsh economy. I am certain that we can therefore rely on you to give this its due attention and to work with Tata to ensure its timely completion.

As the Sixth Senedd is shortly to be dissolved, as a Committee we will be encouraging our successor(s) in the Seventh Senedd to continue monitoring this important work.



Yours sincerely,

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

