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Dear *Andrew*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORT (EDT) COMMITTEE MEETING ACTION POINTS

Thank you for your letter of 14 April 2005.

I have discussed the issues raised by the EDT Committee with my officials and can provide the following advice:

1. Mountain Bike Trails

The Forestry Commission (Forest Enterprise ceased to exist in April 2004) has not made any cut-backs on mountain bike trails. Forestry Commission Wales (FCW) has reviewed the management requirements of the trails following the completion of its Mountain Bike Ranger contracts. FCW has appointed experienced recreation staff to manage the long-term maintenance of its trails and do not envisage this affecting policies of the Wales Tourist Board and the Welsh Assembly Government's Health Strategy.

2. Hazardous Waste/End of life vehicles

The Environment Agency are well aware of the issues arising from the End of Life Vehicle (ELV) Directive and have been in close touch with the car reclamation industry. Unlike some other parts of the UK, there is sufficient capacity within Wales to handle end of life vehicles; an example being the new facility in Newport, which you refer to in your letter. The main hazardous waste issue is the need to depollute ELVs and the requirements for this are well understood by both the industry and the Agency.

3. Cadmium Pollution

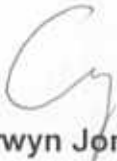


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The Batteries and Accumulators Directive has yet to be finalised. My officials are paying close attention to the development of the Directive and when the final version is available we will consider, with stakeholders, how best to implement any requirements including those concerning recycling. To introduce measures in advance of the final Directive would be to risk taking the wrong action.

I trust this information is helpful to you and the Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CJ', written over the printed name.

Carwyn Jones AM