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Dear Minister

PETITION PO61: COAL M TAN

At its meeting on 11 October 2007, the Sustainability Committee considered petition PO61 on the Coal M TAN. The Committee noted that the consultation on the draft Coal M TAN ended on 26 April 2006 and that the findings of further research into the relationship between coal resources in Wales and Welsh communities was to be published this month.

The Committee expressed concern as to the length of time elapsed since the close of the consultation and agreed to write to you seeking the publication dates of both the further research and the final M TAN. The Committee also requests clarification as to whether the timescale would allow the Committee to input to the content of the final Coal M TAN.

I would be grateful if you could forward your response to me, copying in the Clerk to the Committee at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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Chair, Sustainability Committee