

Y Gwir Anrh/Rt Hon Rhodri Morgan AC/AM  
Prif Weinidog Cymru/First Minister for Wales



Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru  
Welsh Assembly Government

Janet Davies AM  
Chair  
Committee for Scrutiny of the First Minister  
The National Assembly for Wales  
Cardiff Bay  
Cardiff

31<sup>st</sup> March 2006

Dear Janet

Following the meeting in Colwyn Bay on 2 February I agreed to write to follow-up two outstanding issues. I am sorry for the delay.

In relation to improvements to the Deeside Rail link, we are awaiting the report from the Transport Consortia's consultants on the proposal for the Wrexham Bidston line. Until that has been received, considered and decisions made I am unable to provide any further information at this stage.

On ASPBs a Cross-Portfolio Panel focusing on skills will be established following the inaugural meetings of the Ministerial Advisory Groups for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks (EIN) and Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills (ELLS).

The Panel will be chaired jointly by the Minister for EIN and the Minister for ELLS. It will consist of eight members, half of whom will be drawn from the Enterprise, Innovation and Networks Ministerial Advisory Group and half from the Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills Ministerial Advisory Group. The first meeting of each Ministerial Advisory Group should determine who will sit on the Cross-Portfolio Panel.

Interviews for members of the Ministerial Advisory Groups will take place between 1 March and 4 April and members will be appointed and in place by May.

Yours  
Rhodri