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Dear Chair

Thank you for contacting me regarding this feedback but also thanks for the opportunity to speak to the Committee last year.

I have found the Irish Sea Resilience Task Force to be extremely useful. I think it was imperative that lessons were learned as the closure of Holyhead in Dec 24 had far reaching implications for all the Western Sea Ports and for road haulage movements to the island of Ireland through them.

I do believe those hard lessons have been learned to an extent and that communication between the Govts on both sides of the water have improved. For our sector, however, the key question was around how communications between the Welsh Govt and our sector had improved. I for one was critical of how information (or lack of it) was disseminated at the time and I am happy to say that the quality of information about the recent closures has been better. This good news comes with the caveat that I had to reach out to the Welsh Govt to get that information, but what I was given was clear, concise, and accurate. I was also told that had I not called first, I was on a list of people they were going to contact.

It is imperative that this progress continues through the creation of a Welsh Freight group where many of those called to the Taskforce can contribute to a two-way flow of information between those driving the economy and those responsible for the Economy.

I hope this feedback proves to be useful to you but please free to contact me via email on m.reid@rha.uk.net if you have any further questions or if I can be of any further help..

Yours sincerely,



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