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Dear Joel James

Thank you for the Written Question (WQ85191) you tabled on 19/05/2022 asking: 'Will the Minister outline how much Welsh grown timber is expected to be harvested and used in Welsh construction within the next 10, 20 and 40 years?'

The Welsh Government has commissioned phase 2 of the Home Grown Homes project. One of its objectives will be to assess the future timber supply needed in Wales to de-carbonise the economy, including timber use in Welsh construction.

80% of the timber used in the UK is imported and only 4% of the 1.5 million m³ of harvested Welsh timber is processed to be used as construction graded timber. We want to increase the amount of Welsh timber used in construction. Our timber industrial strategy will identify priority actions to achieve this aim. The strategy will be published next year, subject to consultation.

Yours sincerely

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