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Thank you for your recent Written Assembly Question (WAQ78790) asking for a statement on the 85 per cent increase in the number of forest fires in the Amazon and what representations the Welsh Government has made to the Brazilian Government.

Foreign affairs are conducted by the UK. Therefore, the Welsh Government has not spoken to the Brazilian Government about the devastating fires in the Amazon and deforestation, a concern for all who care about biodiversity and the climate. However, I am aware that the UK Government is in contact with Brazil about these critical issues and pledged £10 million towards fighting deforestation and preserving the forests. This is an extension of an existing UK project: Partnerships for Forests. I am also pleased to see that the other G7 nations pledged \$20 million to support firefighting efforts.

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