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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your recent written question regarding what assessment has the Welsh Government undertaken to establish the support Welsh ports require to develop.

The Welsh Government has assessed and continues to assess the requirements for support at Welsh major ports. These assessments include publications such as the Welsh ferry ports five-point plan, as well as work associated with the Freeport programme, post-EU border control arrangements and port infrastructure under the Marine Energy Programme.

Many of these assessments have been central to our work following Brexit and the Covid-19 pandemic. The Welsh Government has supplied matched funding for both Port Talbot and Milford Haven ports to assist their infrastructure development planning for floating offshore wind opportunities.

We continue to work with the UK Government on Freeports and Border Control Posts (BCP). We will work with ports and their key stakeholders to develop our thinking about a new ports' strategy for Wales. We remain disappointed with the UK Government's refusal to fund start-up costs to implement BCPs, as well as the outcome of the FLOWMIS application or Milford Haven.

Yours sincerely,

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