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Dear Rhun

You recently requested, via a written request, what assessment the Welsh Government has made of the impact closing the Menai suspension bridge has had on air quality on Anglesey.

I can advised the Welsh Government has not assessed the impact of the Menai suspension bridge closure on air quality, although it is likely to have improved with the removal of traffic from the crossing.

Data shows an overall reduction in traffic volume using the A55 via the Britannia Bridge in both directions. Average daily traffic flow was 36,193 during the closure compared to 39,872 within the same timeframe in 2021/22.

As well as this 9% reduction in overall traffic flow, improvements in air quality may also have resulted from the measures taken during the closure period to support the uptake of public transport and active travel.

This letter will be copied to the library.

Yours sincerely

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