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Ein cyf/Our ref WQ91518

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Dear Andrew

I am writing in response to your written question reference WQ91518 which asked '*Will the Minister provide an update on the Swansea Bay and West Wales Metro?*'.

We are moving away from the concept of metros, and to regional transport planning. The South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee is currently developing a Regional Transport Plan, which will support local partners to work at a strategic level to deliver the aims of Llwybr Newydd - the Wales Transport Strategy - and in a way that is tailored to their context. The groundwork for this has been set by our Swansea Bay and West Wales Mero programme.

This includes investment in the Traws Cymru T1 bus service (linking Aberystwyth and Carmarthen) to introduce combined bus / rail ticketing and convert the fleet and depot to battery electric operation; increased Active Travel development capacity and capability in West Wales, and taking forward introduction of a fleet of hydrogen fuel cell buses for Swansea Bay and the Haven Waterway.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee' followed by a stylized surname.

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