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Dear Janet,

I am writing in response to your written question reference WQ93083, 'Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the progress of the north Wales metro?'

Our North Wales Metro programme includes a range of transport interventions at different stages of development and construction.

The programme is focussed on improving connectivity in the Mersey Dee region, including improvements to the road network, developing plans to transform the Borderlands railway line, a fully integrated bus network delivered through franchising, and improvements at Chester railway station to unlock rail capacity. I will provide an update to Senedd members on this programme later in the year.

The metro programme forms part of our work to improve transport across the whole of North Wales. This work will feed into the North Wales Regional Transport Plan, which is currently being developed by the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee. The Regional Transport Plan will set out a five year strategic plan for transport across the whole of North Wales.

Yours sincerely,

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