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Dear Stephen,

HS2 and supply chain impacts

I committed to Rob Roberts MP to write back to the Welsh Affairs Committee about the supply chain impacts of High Speed Rail 2 (HS2) for Wales. I am also able to provide you with a map which sets out the current supply chain benefit of HS2 for Wales.

The following link provides the most up to date map of HS2 suppliers across the UK and can be toggled to search by region and/or constituency:

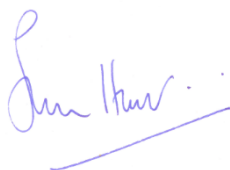
<https://www.hs2.org.uk/building-hs2/supply-chain/supply-chain-maps/supply-chain-map-desktop/>

A table list can also be accessed alongside the map showing the 26 company names and their size which currently supply HS2.

Over 2,000 suppliers have delivered work on HS2 through the supply chain, 72% of whom are SMEs. As I said to the Committee, there are considerable supply chain opportunities for companies in Wales, such as the provision of steel. For example, Celsa Steel in Cardiff recently secured a contract to provide 1,800 tonnes of loose steel and rebar to be used on the HS2 project. In total, 98% of HS2 contracts let to date have been awarded to UK-based companies.

HS2 has the potential to support economic growth across Wales by promoting regeneration, boosting skills and generating new jobs. The construction of Phase One will see HS2 create and sustain a further 22,000 jobs in the UK over the coming years, with many more in businesses and factories around the country through an estimated 400,000 supply chain contract opportunities.

Yours sincerely,



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