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I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you would like me to appear at any event or think that I should be involved in any community project, organisation or debate then please get in touch. I really would like to hear from you.

My details are above so please get in touch.

I am excited to have been appointed Counsel General Designate and Minister for Delivery. I look forward to working with First Minister Eluned Morgan to serve the people of Wales. At the start of the autumn session, the First Minister outlined key priorities for Wales in four areas:

- A Healthier Wales – reducing NHS waiting times, especially in mental health, and improving access to social care and women’s health services.
- Green Jobs and Growth – creating jobs that address the climate crisis, restoring nature, and growing the economy, while helping families become better off.
- Opportunity for Every Family – raising educational standards, providing more social housing, and ensuring families can succeed.
- Connecting Communities – enhancing public transport, improving roads, and involving local communities in road safety decisions.

Reflecting on summer conversations with citizens, the First Minister emphasized the need for delivery, transparency, and accountability.

I welcome the First Minister’s bold and forward-thinking priorities for Wales. These commitments address the concerns that matter most to people across the country. From supporting our families to strengthening our communities, this government is proving that Labour is listening, learning, and delivering real change.

Once I have fully recovered from my recent shoulder operation I look forward to working together with my colleagues to ensure that these goals are met and that the people of Wales see the tangible benefits in their everyday lives.

Updates



Child Poverty

£900,000 is being made available to support public and third sector organisations.

The Welsh Government is providing grants to eligible organisations/groups of up to a maximum of up to £5,000, £25,000 and £100,000 depending on the grant scheme the organisation/group applies for.

The pieces of work being funded will strengthen the capacity of organisations to form collaborative working arrangements to address child poverty, linked to one or more of the 5 objectives of the Child Poverty Strategy for Wales, improve communication and knowledge transfer in addressing child poverty at the regional, local or community level.



Bright Future for Rail

I am delighted to see positive progress being made in communications between the Senedd and Westminster regarding the future of Welsh rail. This progress includes a new commitment to the Government's working in partnership, alongside industry, to deliver a better service for Welsh passengers. The Welsh Labour Government's vision for public transport in Wales is an easy, accessible one that integrates our rail and bus systems: One Network, One Timetable, One Ticket.



Eisteddfod

This summer's Eisteddfod was an enormous success, showcasing and celebrating incredible talent and rich culture from across the country.

The Eisteddfod is the largest cultural festival of its kind in Europe. It is so important to ensure that events such as these are accessible.

This year, the Welsh Labour Government provided £350,000 to the Eisteddfod, to enable individuals and families from lower income households to experience the festival.



Worldwide Wales

Products supported by Creative Wales have topped both gaming and streaming charts. Audiences around the world have been able to engage with Welsh-related production, including: the world-renowned House of the Dragon, filmed across north Wales and employing 250 local people, BBC's Lost Boys and Fairies filmed predominantly in Cardiff, and game Sker Ritual which became one of the best selling console games in the world the week of its launch.