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Dear William,

Thank you for your email of 11 March regarding an update for the Petitions Committee on a direct rail connection from Cardiff Airport to Cardiff Central and West Wales.

I have established a Metro Implementation Group to bring forward proposals on the South East Wales Metro. The Group is exploring future options to improve public transport access to and from the airport including the potential for a direct rail line. Improved rail connections to West Wales will be considered as part of the next Wales and Borders franchise.

The Metro Implementation Group are due to deliver their Implementation Plan to me in June, I will of course up date you when I have considered their proposals.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edwina Hart', written in a cursive style.