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Dear Stephen,

Thank you so much for your letter dated 19 January to the Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP, regarding the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon. Your letter has been forwarded to this Department for reply, and I am doing so, as this matter falls within my portfolio.

The issues considered by the Hendry Review into tidal lagoons are complex as they relate to an untried technology with high capital costs and significant uncertainties. Work associated with the Hendry Review continues and the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy remains focussed on it. In coming to any decision on the role of tidal lagoons in the UK's energy mix, the Government needs to consider how this technology delivers against its priorities, as set out in the Clean Growth Strategy and Industrial Strategy, of reducing emissions and protecting UK businesses and households from high energy costs. This will ensure that the response to the Hendry Review takes into account the best interests of the UK as a whole and represents value for money for the UK taxpayer and the consumer.

A Government response to the Hendry Review will be published in due course.

Natural Resources Wales is responsible for determining the marine licence, which would include an assessment of fish impacts, for the proposed Swansea Bay tidal lagoon

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I hope you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely,

THE RT HON CLAIRE PERRY MP
Minister of State