



The Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP Minister  
for Secretary of State for Wales

**By e-mail**

Dear Mr. Cairns

**RE: Swansea Bay City Region**

As Chair of the Swansea Bay City Region Joint Scrutiny Committee, I am writing to you following an issue that was raised at the committee meeting held on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2019. The Joint Scrutiny Committee was very concerned to learn of the considerable delays being experienced in securing agreement from the Welsh and UK governments to the full business cases of the projects that make up the Swansea Bay City Region. The Joint Scrutiny Committee notes that these delays mean that almost two years since the Heads of Terms were signed, no business cases have yet reached a point where they have been approved for implementation. Members of the Joint Scrutiny Committee wish to underline the importance of the City Region to bringing about long term, sustainable improvements to the well-being of people across the region and would like to understand what action the Welsh Government and the UK Government intend to take to address the causes of the delays inherent in the existing processes.

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I look forward to receiving your response in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Arwyn Woolcock  
**Chair of the Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Scrutiny Committee**

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