



TATA STEEL

2,500 steelworkers at Port Talbot face direct job losses due to Tata's furnace closures, with potential knock-on effects impacting up to 12,500 across the supply chain. Unions threaten strikes, while the Welsh government pushes for generous severance and avoiding forced redundancies.

A fairer, slower shift to green steel production is needed to safeguard jobs and the UK's steel industry, vital for our green ambitions. Talented workers across Wales produce high-quality steel, crucial for both economic growth and national security.

The Welsh government values this skilled workforce and seeks a solution balancing environmental goals with job security. The First Minister recently met Tata leaders in Mumbai, advocating against mass redundancies across Wales, particularly Port Talbot. In contrast, the UK government seems unconcerned about steel communities.

We believe a better deal does exist for the industry and Tata workers. A longer, more equitable transition to green steel production is achievable. Shutting down primary production now simply exports Welsh jobs and emissions elsewhere. As the UK embraces green technologies like wind turbines and electric cars, our demand for steel, especially green steel, will only rise. Port Talbot has a bright future if Tata manages this transition effectively.

Along with Dave Rees MS, Sarah Murphy MS, and other colleagues we will continue to fight alongside our trade unions for the future of our steel industry and to safeguard the thousands of jobs at risk.



First Minister meeting with TATA leaders in Mumbai

Reminder for Port Talbot employees about DWP and partners career advice/support drop in sessions every Tuesday and Friday from 10am-1pm at the Tata Steel Sports and Social Club



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TRANSPORT FOR WALES RAIL PROGRESS

Since the last meeting we organised with Transport for Wales and Network Rail in Maesteg, we're pleased to note some real improvements and more still to come. We had a great follow-up meeting in Pencoed, and our next will be in either Llanharan or Pontyclun - look on my social channels and website for details and for the latest update from the TFW meeting.

The idea with these rail meetings is to give local people a chance to have their say, but also to hear from TFW about their plans. And even though it has been tough for commuters at times, especially last Autumn, it is good now to see progress being made.

Our thanks to TFW for attending these meetings, often taking criticism, but being willing to listen and take on board where improvements are needed.



BRIDGEND LADIES HOCKEY FUNDRAISER SUCCESS



Lots of fun with Sarah Murphy MS and Chris Elmore MP as we attended the Gareth Watkins Memorial Day organised by Bridgend Ladies Hockey Club.

A great day watching hockey with cake sales, raffles and activities for everyone. Well done to everyone involved for raising over £2,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

SUPPORTING SAFER HIGH STREETS TO WORK AND SHOP

I was pleased to join with Jackie Jones, Welsh Labour and Co-operative colleague, along with others to highlight the Labour and Co-operative Party plans to make our high streets safer to work and shop.

Alarming statistics show shoplifting, abuse, and violence are increasing, putting ordinary shopworkers on the frontlines of this criminality. They face daily threats and violence simply for doing their jobs.

For nearly a decade, Labour has championed the cause of shopworkers, alongside the Co-operative Party, Usdaw Union and others, demanding a standalone offence for assaulting a shop worker.



GROUND BREAKING WORK AT THE PRINCESS OF WALES HOSPITAL



An excellent visit with Sarah Murphy MS for Bridgend and Porthcawl, meeting with the Acute Care and Front Door Frailty Teams working on the front line at the Princess of Wales Hospital.

The highly professional teams are doing ground-breaking work under pressure to help patients get back to where they want to be - in the safety of their own homes.

Their pioneering wrap-around care is having a huge impact on patient's health and wellbeing.

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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF DEVOLUTION - AND LOOKING TO THE FUTURE TOO



This month we have marked 25 years since the elections to the very first National Assembly of Wales, and the realisation of the desire of the people of Wales to have greater say over many major policy issues in Wales, a Government closer to home - and closer to the people of Wales.

Since then the powers of the Assembly have grown out of all recognition. The current Senedd has primary legislative powers (the power to make our own law), tax-varying powers and borrowing powers, and direct control over substantial areas of policy. It is a powerful parliament, holding to account a powerful government.

Yet the numbers of “backbench” members to hold the government to account are way below those in other parts of the UK like Scotland and Northern Ireland (yet alone in the UK parliament, the House of Lords!). So the next stage of Senedd reform for the 2026 election will see an increase in numbers to do the job of scrutiny more effectively.

We will also bring in changes to the voting system, to deliver a proportional voting system where every vote counts in every part of Wales. And we aim to bring forward reforms which will deliver greater diversity of candidates, so that whoever you are, you can bring your skills and experience to stand for our democratic institutions and make a difference.

Over the last 25 years the support for our young parliament and government in Wales has grown. The reforms we will take forward put our democracy on a sound footing to meet the challenges of today, the next 25 years, and far beyond.



Read about our nation's historic devolution journey: www.gov.wales/oral-statement-senedd-25

Just some of the achievements:

Free Prescriptions ...Free school breakfasts for all primary school children ...First Parliament in the world to declare a Climate Emergency ... Guaranteed employment, education or training for all under 25s ...World-class recycling ...Votes for 16-17 year olds ...Basic Income Pilot for care leavers ...Opt-out organ donation ...Pupil Development Grant ...Real Living Wage for social care ...First country in UK to ban smoking in cars with children ...Protecting Education Maintenance Allowance ...Maintaining NHS Bursary ... Banning single-use plastics ...Free school meals for all primary school children ...Higher capital limits for social care ...Flying Start ...Ban on fracking ...Free parking in hospitals ...Free bus travel for over 60s ...A Clean Air Act for Wales ...UK's first Children's Commissioner ...A dedicated mental health phonenumber ...The New Treatment Fund ...Scrapping the Right to Buy ...The Wellbeing Future Generations Act ...The Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Act

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Working for a Greener, Fairer Wales as Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change & Rural Affairs



Contact Me!

Get in touch if you need help or support. Or if you wish to highlight issues or share ideas.

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I hold regular Advice Surgeries and 'Coffee Mornings' in all parts of the constituency and these are advertised via my website and social media channels

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CONSTITUENCY CASEWORK

Housing, Transport and Health continue to dominate my daily caseload.

I have often previously highlighted issues raised by my constituents directly with Ministers during Plenary sessions or via Written Parliamentary Questions.

You can find a record of this work via this link: <https://rb.gy/phsb8s>



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