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Assembly Members

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Dear Assembly Member

During Business Questions on 29 April, Joyce Watson AM asked for an update report on the progress that has been made by the special taskforce that I have established to help secure the future of Milford Haven Refinery. I am writing to provide the details of this work.

Members will be aware that the Refinery's owners have sought to sell the refinery and have announced a consultation period with employees over the future of the site.

Members will also be aware that under the Chair of Nick Bourne, the high level taskforce is to support Murco Petroleum Ltd secure the future of refinery operations and safeguard the long-term future of jobs at the plant and in the supply chain.

Membership of the taskforce includes representatives from Welsh and UK Governments, Murco Petroleum Limited, Murphy Oil Corporation, Pembrokeshire College, the Local Authority and relevant Trade Unions.

The taskforce meets weekly and has one clear objective - to engage partners in high-level dialogue to support the company in maintaining the future of refinery operations at the site. The taskforce is proactively considering possible options to help support the company to respond to the emerging scenarios. I welcome the collaborative approach and good will of all in seeking to find a positive outcome for long term employment at the site.

My officials continue to work with the company and potential third party investors to seek to secure the long term viability of the company.

As a Government, we are determined to do all that we can to support the employer and its workforce at this difficult time.

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