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Dear Leanne

Thank you for your question during Plenary on 13 November regarding the volume of natural gas imported through Pembrokeshire from fracked sources.

Whilst the Welsh Government maintains a robust opposition to fracking, the petroleum market is a matter overseen by the UK Government and one where we do not have responsibility. However, Welsh Government will consistently and actively seek the UK Government's commitment to restricting the extraction and consumption of fossil fuels.

My officials have data on the volume of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) imported through Wales from various countries but I am afraid this varies significantly from year to year and it is not possible to determine with certainty how this LNG was produced within the source country. For example, the majority of the gas imported to the UK via Wales is from Qatar, where hydraulic fracturing (fracking) is not utilised. However, Wales can also receive imports from other countries (including Russia and the United States) where the process of fracking is utilised.

In Pembrokeshire where the import terminals receive, store and re-gasify LNG, supplies come in from multiple sources into a single terminal. The sources used are based on the commercial decisions of the import terminal usually involving short term trading arrangements based on global market factors and the technical specification of the gas consumed in the UK.

Welsh Government is focusing its resources on ending our reliance on fossil fuels and switching to low carbon and sustainable alternatives as an effective way of reducing the carbon intensity of our energy mix and our reliance on imported petroleum.

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In March 2019 we published ***Prosperity for All: A Low Carbon Wales***. This Plan sets out the Welsh Government's approach to cut emissions and increase efficiency in a way that maximises wider benefits for Wales, ensuring a fairer and healthier society. It sets out 100 policies and proposals which directly reduce emissions and support the growth of the low carbon economy. Further, Wales is fully responsible for onshore petroleum extraction and our policy prevents fracking from happening in Wales. We will not undertake new licensing rounds, preventing further areas of Wales being open to petroleum extraction.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Regards" on the first line and "Lesley" on the second line. The script is cursive and fluid.

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