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### **Second Severn Crossing**

You will recall that I wrote to you in February informing you of the UK Government's intention to rename the 'Second Severn Crossing' after it returns to public ownership in 2018.

Since then, my officials have been in close discussion with officials at St James' Palace to complete the necessary processes that will lead to the bridge being renamed the 'Prince of Wales Bridge'. I am confident that these are close to being completed.

As you know, I have long been of the opinion that the title of 'Second Severn Crossing' is not fitting for the main gateway to Wales from the South West and when we discussed that you were in agreement with the plans.

Our intention is to make the announcement early next year, the timing is significant because the Prince of Wales will be celebrating 60 years since the title was bestowed on him by Her Majesty the Queen.

Naturally, I want to ensure that the announcement has the full support of Welsh Government when it is made and that you will be involved in the formal renaming ceremony. My officials are happy to work with yours around handling.

I would be grateful if you could reply confirming that this decision has the full support of the Welsh Government and indicate that you are content.

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