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Dear Rhys,

Thank you for your Written Question WQ92392 regarding the frequency of low-flying private aircrafts coming out of Cardiff Airport and St Athans Airfield and how this aligns with the Welsh Government's environmental ambitions.

I can confirm that the Welsh Government does not monitor the number of General Aviation flights undertaken from Cardiff Airport and St Athan airfield.

Whilst aviation policy is a reserved matter for the UK Government, we do recognise the importance of reducing aviation emissions. Wales' carbon budgets include all emissions from aviation in Wales, including both domestic and international flights. This means emissions from Cardiff Airport and St Athan are included in Wales' Net Zero targets and therefore within the overall emission reduction approach taken by the Welsh Government.

My officials continue to work with the UK Government and other devolved administrations to reduce the impact of aviation on the climate.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Miles', with a wavy line above the name and a short horizontal line below it.

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