

Greens blast Labour on steel, calling for public ownership to secure green steel, jobs, and communities

Reacting to the announcement by the UK government that it will [grant Tata Steel £500m towards the cost of building a greener electric furnace in Port Talbot](#), but that around 2,800 workers are set to be made redundant, Wales Green Party leader Anthony Slaughter said:

“This is the first test of the new Labour government’s commitment to a just green transition that protects jobs and the environment – and it has been found wanting.

“I’ve spoken with countless families around Port Talbot who have shared with me their distress and fears for the future, not just those directly employed but in the wider supply chain.

“Labour promised a new approach during the General Election. It raised hopes across the steel industry – here in South Wales and in the North East of England – that the necessary and urgent move to cleaner production methods could be achieved without devastating communities.

“We know only too well how mining communities suffered when successive Tory governments shut pits without plans in place for new jobs. Labour should have learnt those lessons.

“The private companies are to get huge taxpayer subsidies without any guarantees that they will protect and create skilled, well-paid, secure jobs for the future.

“The Green Party knows that can be achieved. Our steel communities need the long-term commitment and political will that this Labour government lacks.

“By 2030, the European Union is expected to be home to nearly 50 green and low-carbon steel projects, facilitated by governments working together to deliver a planned strategy to move away from fossil fuels.

“Yet, this new government shuns joining with partners across the EU in a green industrial revolution.

“Transitioning to a green economy could create up to a million jobs. To achieve that, we need a government in Westminster and the Senedd that is willing to use its full powers – including bringing vital industries like steel into public ownership.

“Today was Labour’s chance to show that it is prepared to lead. Sadly, it has fallen short.”

People are the HSC's greatest strength: Minister

Health Minister Mike Nesbitt has launched a new health and wellbeing framework for staff working within Health and Social Care (HSC) in Northern Ireland.

Belfast Party Bus driver fined for driver licensing and insurance offences

A party bus driver has been fined a total of £325 with six Penalty Points also imposed on his drivers' licence at Belfast Magistrates' Court today.

Economy Minister paves way for increased support for graduate entry medical students

Economy Minister Conor Murphy has today announced his intention to offer greater financial support for graduate entry medical students from 2025/26.

Lisburn company, CASC, wins £10m

contract with world leading offshore wind companies

Economy Minister Conor Murphy has announced that Lisburn based engineering company CASC has secured contracts worth in excess of £10 million with the world's largest companies in offshore renewable energy.