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Rhodri Morgan, First Minister for Wales has raised the issue of Visteon pensions with me. I undertook to raise the matter with you.

You will be aware of the issues from the standpoint of the former Visteon plants at Enfield Basildon and Belfast, and the campaign undertaken by the Visteon Pension Action Group. Until quite recently, that group had largely been active in England; however a concerted campaign is now developing around workers who were employed at the former Visteon plant in Swansea.

Consequently, both the First Minister and Deputy First Minister are receiving Oral Assembly Questions, correspondence and meeting requests from local Assembly Members. Quite rightly, they have informed Assembly Members that responsibility for this matter rests with UK Government Ministers. The First Minister has confirmed in answers to questions that he has discussed the issue with me and that I have undertaken to raise the matter with Cabinet colleagues.

It would be helpful if you were able to outline the position in terms of Visteon pensions in order that the First Minister and his Cabinet colleagues can confirm to Assembly Members that the issue is under consideration at UK level, and that we can have a further discussion when the outcome of those discussions and the implications for the former Visteon workforce in Wales are becoming clearer.

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