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Dear William,

1. I am writing to let you know of the latest developments at the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre at Swansea. For the last three days the mail has been coming in normally. But the air-conditioning plant (and therefore the computers) has remained out of action because of pickets preventing the entry of essential nitrogen supplies. Last night at 18.30, in full consultation with the police, a group of senior PSA staff crossed the picket with the nitrogen supplies. The pickets were 100 strong, but there were no disturbances.

2. Today should have been a normal working day. DVLC take their privilege day off on Tuesday. At 10.00 am this morning however there was a mass walk-out in protest against yesterday's action. It remains to be seen whether this action will be continued after the holiday. We will keep you posted on how the situation develops. Press reaction continues to be muted and we shall continue to explain for the moment direct effects on the public are very limited.

3. I am copying this to Jim Buckley (Civil Service Department) and David Edmonds (Environment).

Yours,

Anthony Mayer