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Dear Chris

Burry Port Harbour Authority – 2017-18

In accordance with the requirements of Section 42 of the Harbours Act 1964 I am giving my report on the annual statement of accounts relating to harbour activities that you have prepared in relation to Burry Port Harbour Authority for the year ending 31 March 2018.

I have undertaken our work in accordance with the specified procedures issued by the Auditor General for Wales. In summary these specified procedures require us to consider whether the annual statement of accounts relating to harbour activities:

- has been prepared on a reasonable basis (for example, the figures agree to the underlying records upon which they have been prepared and are consistent with transactions recorded in the statutory accounts of the local authority for the same reporting period); and
- casts correctly.

Under Section 42(5) of the Harbours Act 1964 you are required to submit this report along with the copy of the annual statement of accounts relating to harbour activities on which it has been given to the Secretary of State for Transport.

Audit report on the annual statement of accounts relating to the harbour activities of Burry Port Harbour for the year ending 31 March 2018:

I wish to draw the following matters to the attention of the Secretary of State in relation to the preparation of the annual statement of accounts relating to harbour activities of Burry Port Harbour Authority for the year ending 31 March 2018:

- Question 5 of the Internal Audit report highlights the following issues that were identified during their review:
 - There were two instances identified where the charge applied to a vessel was the commercial fishing vessel charge without adequate evidence that this was the correct charge; and
 - Debts relating to one owner were amended without adequate supporting documentation to explain the reason for the change.

I have completed our responsibilities in respect of the annual statement of accounts relating to harbour activities for Burry Port Harbour Authority for the year ending 31 March

2018 under the requirements of Harbours Act 1964 and the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004.

Richard Harries

for and on behalf of Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales