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Dear Edward

A9 Dualling Programme

I am writing in connection with the discussions that have taken place in various forums regarding the provision of regular updates to Parliament on the progress of the A9 Dualling Programme and can confirm that I propose that the following arrangements are made for this purpose:

- i. Commencing in early November 2024, Transport Scotland officials will provide a written update to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee on the progress of the A9 Dualling programme, at six-monthly intervals (early May and early November each year). The report issued each May shall cover the preceding October to March (inclusive) period, and the report issued each November shall cover the preceding April to September (inclusive) period, with an exception in respect of the report issued in November 2024, which shall cover the preceding January to September (inclusive) period.
- ii. Following consideration of the written report, the Committee is welcome to invite officials to attend a meeting of the Committee to address any questions that the Committee wishes to raise in respect of the A9 Dualling Programme.

In addition to the arrangements for engaging with your committee, I also propose that, commencing in late November 2024, Transport Scotland officials will arrange for an update briefing on the A9 Dualling Programme to be provided for all interested members of the Scottish Parliament at six-monthly intervals, in late May and late November each year. The briefing shall be similar in style to the briefing provided to members of the Scottish Parliament in January 2024 and shall include an opportunity for attendees to raise any questions they may have in respect of the Programme.

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I trust that the arrangements that I have set out will be of assistance to the Committee and to Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

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