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Economy, Infrastructure &  
Skills Committee

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Dear Russell

Thank you for your letter of 20<sup>th</sup> July and for your Committee's interest in the Economy and Infrastructure's in year (2017/18) budget position.

In terms of your comments regarding the rail franchise, as you may already be aware, the intention to issue the tender documentation in August has been deferred to late September following delay by the Department for Transport. However, as requested, I will update the Committee in due course on the progress for developing the rail franchise, the Metro and the Valleys Lines infrastructure.

I will be considering the other important points you have raised in the presentation of the 2018-19 Draft Budget in the autumn

Yours sincerely

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