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MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

Thank you for your letter of 22 October about the 6-monthly report on Major Capital Projects and engagement with the Office for National Statistics (ONS) about classification issues.

I can assure the Committee that all possible steps are being taken to minimise delays to affected projects and the Scottish Futures Trust is liaising closely with project partners. Clearly next steps within the programme will need to take account of the outcomes of current engagement with the ONS and I will update Parliament and the Committee as a priority, when I am in a position to do so.

An update will also be provided in the next 6-monthly report on Major Capital Projects.

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