

Economy and Fair Work Committee

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Dear Jenny

The Committee held an evidence session with the Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise on <u>Wednesday 9 November</u>. The purpose of this session was to consider the Scottish Government's response to the Committee's supply chains inquiry report.

During the discussion, the Minister was asked about the commitment to the dualling of the A9 and A96, which you had previously confirmed in the Chamber on <u>2 November</u>. The Minister was also asked about the expected timetable for the completion of this work. In response, one of the Minister's officials noted that—

Initially, the hope had been to publish the delivery plan at the same time as the STPR2 final report but, given the uncertainty about future capital budgets, it is likely that the delivery plan will be published at some point in the spring, when there is greater clarity in relation to capital budgets.

I would be grateful if you could advise the Committee of the expected publication date of the STPR2 delivery plans, and whether the target for completion of 2025 has changed, at your earliest convenience.

I am copying this letter to the Convener of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.

Kind regards

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