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Dear Patrick,

Thank you for your recent letter providing further information for the Economic Affairs Committee’s inquiry into the economic case for HS2. I would be grateful if you could assist with one further question before publication of the Committee’s report.

In his letter of 7 November 2014, Mr Prout provided details of the percentage of the Department’s spending for 2011, 2012 and 2013 by value for money category. This showed that most of the Department’s spending was within the ‘High’ value for money category, which included projects with a benefit cost ratio of 2.0 – 4.0. I would be grateful if you could provide the same figures broken down by whether the spending in the ‘High’ value for money category had a benefit cost ratio of

- 2.0 – 2.5;
- 2.5 – 3.0;
- 3.0 – 3.5; and
- 3.5 – 4.0.

I would be grateful if you could provide a response to this letter before Tuesday 3 March in order that the Committee can reflect your response in its report.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman, Economic Affairs Committee