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Dear Sir Amyas

I write to formally ask the National Audit Office to undertake an investigation on Transport for London's Crossrail project. This request follows on from the Written Ministerial Statement of 26 October which announced that the Department for Transport would be providing TfL with a £350 million interim payment in order for the project to continue.

I would ask that you examine the governance of the project, including what information was available to officials and when, and would welcome a firm timescale of when it became clear that the project would be delayed. I would also ask that you look into what the circumstances were that led to its delay, as well as the additional costs incurred. Furthermore, I would welcome clarification on when officials were aware that the programme was encountering major difficulties and how the financing deal from the Department was agreed.

I would be happy to discuss this with you should you require any further detail.

Yours sincerely,

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