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Dear Philip,

Millennial Railcard

In your statement to the House on Budget 18 you said that a new 26-30 railcard would be available across the network by the end of the year saving up to 4.4 million young people 1/3 off their fares, following a pilot which you had announced in 2017.

In recent answers to parliamentary questions the Department for Transport has made clear that the new rail card is an industry led initiative and not one that has been carried out on the instruction of the Government.

I would be grateful if you clarify the basis on which you included this announcement in your statement and the Red Book and whether there is any public money (either newly committed or by the rearrangement of existing budgets) being used to help fund the scheme. It would be helpful if the Committee could see any analysis showing the impact of the scheme on train operating company revenues or the premia paid to the Government under franchise agreements.

Yours sincerely,

Lilian Greenwood MP
Chair of the Transport Select Committee