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Thank you for meeting with the Committee on 22 January. We look forward to receiving the further written information that you and your officials committed to provide during the session.

During the Committee’s 2014–15 inquiry into The Economic Case for HS2, we were grateful to your department for providing us with a range of information in letters dated 19 November 2014, 8 December 2014, 12 February 2015, 4 March 2015 and 1 September 2015. Now we are revisiting that work, we would like to request updated information on the following:

- Data on the (a) total capacity, (b) total critical load, (c) average load-capacity ratio and (d) percentage of passengers standing, broken down by type of operator (long-distance or commuter), on:
  - weekday services arriving at Birmingham, Leeds, London Euston, Manchester and Sheffield in the i) 3 hour AM peak, ii) 1 hour AM peak and iii) all day average;
  - weekday services departing Birmingham, Leeds, London Euston, Manchester and Sheffield in the i) 3 hour PM peak, ii) 1 hour PM peak and iii) all day average;
  - weekend services arriving at, and departing from, Birmingham, Leeds, London Euston, Manchester and Sheffield (all day averages).

- The proportion of passengers on Manchester Piccadilly to London Euston services, arriving in the i) 3 hour AM peak and ii) 1 hour AM peak, who are travelling from Rugby, Nuneaton, Milton Keynes and Watford Junction.

- The proportion of passengers on London Euston to Manchester Piccadilly services, arriving in the i) 3 hour AM peak and ii) 1 hour AM peak, who are travelling from Crewe, Stoke-on-Trent, Macclesfield, Wilmslow and Stockport.
• The average proportion of long-distance rail journeys undertaken for a) business, b) commuting and c) leisure on i) weekday and ii) weekend services:
  
  o From London to West Midlands;
  o From West Midlands to London;
  o From London to North West;
  o From North West to London;
  o All long-distance travel.

We would be grateful if you could provide such information by Monday 25 February.

Yours,

Michael

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