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Dear Nusrat

Thank you for your letters dated 19 and 25 February, which the Committee found useful.

We understand that some information could not be gathered in the timescale given the need to secure agreement with Train Operating Companies. We are content to provide you with extra time to gather this information. We note that the information requested on peak arrivals at Euston was provided to the Committee for previous years in a letter from the former Transport Secretary, dated 19 November 2014.¹

We also ask that the figures provided on the purpose of long-distance rail journeys be provided over smaller time periods, rather than as an average of years between 2002 and 2017. In 2015, this data was provided as an average of years between 2002 and 2013. While we understand that sampling concerns may prevent year-by-year data, we will at least require an average of the years between 2013 and 2017 to better understand what has changed since the data provided in 2015.

We would be grateful if you could answer these further requests by Wednesday 13 March.

Yours
Michael

The Rt Hon the Lord Forsyth of Drumlean
Chairman of the Economic Affairs Committee

¹ Letter from the Secretary of State for Transport to Lord Hollick (Annex A), 19 November 2014
<https://www.parliament.uk/documents/lords-committees/economic-affairs/Economic-case-for-HS2/McLoughlin-Chairman-20141119.pdf>