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Dear Chris

Thank you for taking the time to give evidence to the Transport Committee yesterday.

You promised to provide Committee with additional information on a number of areas, including the benefit to cost ratios (BCR) in relation to the three electrification schemes cancelled in July of this year: Midland Mainline (MML), north of Kettering to Sheffield and Nottingham; Great Western Mainline (GWML) west of Cardiff; and on the Lakes Line (LL) between Windermere to Oxenholme.

I felt I should clarify what information the Committee is seeking. I would be grateful if you could provide:

1. The whole scheme BCRs for these schemes before and after the decision to switch from electrification to bi-mode operation was made (with a break down by type of benefit/cost with associated present values) with an explanation for any changes (including those resulting from changes to project scope).

I would also be grateful if you could provide:

2. In relation to the GWML, separate BCRs and associated present values for the electrification to Cardiff, and between Cardiff and Swansea; and
3. In relation to the MML, separate BCRs and associated present values for the electrification of each route section north of Kettering to Nottingham and Sheffield.

Should you or your officials have any questions in relation to the above, please feel free to contact the Committee Clerk, Gordon Clarke (020 7219 6242; ClarkeG@parliament.uk). I look forward to receiving your response shortly.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of the Transport Committee