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The Daily Telegraph (Scotland) 7 **SNP's superfast broadband hit by year delay** THE SNP's flagship broadband pledge to give every Scottish home and business a superfast service by the end of 2021 is running a year late after ministers admitted there had been a delay. In a parliamentary answer, Paul Wheelhouse, the Connectivity Minister, announced that contracts for the R100 programme work will now not be signed until the end of this year. He said bidders had requested more time to "remodel

The Herald 2 **Delay puts timetable for £600m rural broadband roll-out in doubt** THE SNP appears set to break its manifesto promise for a £600 million roll-out of superfast broadband to rural areas after confirming a delay to the key procurement stage. The Scottish Government conspicuously failed to restate its ambition to deliver 100 per cent access to 30Mbps internet to Scotland's most remote communities by the end of 2021. It puts pressure on Rural Secretary Fergus Ewing, who last year said he

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