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Sent: 20 December 2021 17:12

To: Minister for Transport <MinisterFT@gov.scot>; 'Dey G (Graeme), MSP' <Graeme.Dey.msp@parliament.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Lines for info - ScotRail COO Appointment

Importance: High

Private office/Mr Dey

A number of media outlets have asked for comment on the ASLEF reaction (see end of email trail) to

[ScotRail's appointment](#) of Joanne Maguire as their new COO. We plan to issue the lines below shortly –

SpAds have cleared.

A TS spokesperson said:

“The Scottish Government welcomes the appointment which we understand was conducted through a

fair and open recruitment process.”

ENDS

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 20 December 2021 12:51

To: Press Transport Scotland <media@transport.gov.scot>

Subject: Seeking Transport Scotland comment on this.

Responding to the appointment of the Chief Operating Officer for Scottish Rail Holdings – the public body that will own and oversee ScotRail - Kevin Lindsay, ASLEF Scotland Organiser

said:

“The appointment of a Chief Operating Officer with not one day’s experience from within the railway is

staggering.

“Scotland has a chance to build its new publicly operated railway properly yet ScotRail and the Scottish

Government have made a huge error before the first train has left the station.

“We need to be getting Scotland back on track with a world-class service that’s affordable and helps

meet our climate targets. Yet days after announcing fare hikes we learn that this crucial appointment has

been made to someone with no experience of running the railways.

“The transport minister must meet with Aslef and other rail unions immediately if our new service is to

be prevented from going off the rails.”

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