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To: Minister for Transport <MinisterFT@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Birnam to Ballinluig A9 Community Group~ [Our Ref: JS8207RA]

Good afternoon,

RE: Birnam to Ballinluig A9 Community Group

I wonder if it would be possible to have a response to the undernoted correspondence Mr Swinney received from [Redacted] who represents the Birnam to Ballinluig A9 Community Group.

Following the A9 Road Safety Meeting that was held on 4 November 2022, the community group wish to know the budget figures being allocated for the Pass of Birnam to Tay Crossing and Tay Crossing to Ballinluig Sections of the A9. Allocations for interim safety measures (such as signage/road markings) and the overall budget for the eventual full dualling project. The latter I understand was being looked at by Transport Scotland.

Best wishes,
[Redacted] on behalf of John Swinney MSP

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Dear Mr Swinney,

Thank you for the feedback from the A9 Safety Group meeting on the 4th

Noting the Minster of Transport's statement about the £430 million already spent on A9 dualling, we would very much like to have an indication of what amounts are now expected to be available for Pass of Birnam to Tay Crossing and Tay Crossing to Ballinluig, both sections with recent fatalities., for both short term measures and eventual dualling.

Thank you for your continued support, and in particular for continuing to press officials on the matter of a temporary roundabout at Dunkeld junction and on the need for monitoring cameras.

Best regards

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21 December 2022

Dear John,

A9 Dualling: Birnam to Tay Crossing

Thank you for your email of 17 November to the Minister for Transport on behalf of [Redacted] of the Birnam to Ballinluig A9 Community Group. Your email has been passed to me to respond to as I have responsibility for the A9 Dualling Pass of Birnam to Tay Crossing project.

I would like to reassure you that road safety is of paramount importance to the Government and, indeed, to everyone – our work on this is backed by a record level of funding. As you are aware we have an ongoing programme of road safety improvements on the A9 and more widely across the Trunk Road network. The Minister for Transport confirms that she has instructed Transport Scotland to examine options for further measures that could improve A9 safety in advance of our ambitious programme to dual the A9 between Perth and Inverness.

In relation to the request from [Redacted] to confirm the budget allocation for the A9 Dualling Programme, including both the Pass of Birnam to Tay Crossing and Tay Crossing to Ballinluig sections; work to determine the most suitable procurement options for the remaining sections of the A9 dualling is ongoing. This is a complex exercise which looks at a number of factors including how the project can be delivered most efficiently by the industry, whilst minimising disruption to road users and helping to

support economic recovery post-COVID. An update on the outcomes of this work will be provided when it is completed.

The proposal for short-term road safety measures for the A9 are currently being prepared and it is the Minister for Transport's intention to announce these in the coming weeks. As a result, I cannot confirm details of costs associated with these short-term measures at this time but hopefully I will be in a position to do so shortly.

I hope this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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