

RELEASED INFORMATION – RAIL FARE FREEZE TO MARCH 2023

**Email – 2 September 2022**

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**Sent:** 02 September 2022 17:20

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**Subject:** For consideration please: Transport Scotland Communications Plan // PfG and Climate Week 2022 - Urgent

Hi [redacted], Hi [redacted],

Grateful if Ms Gilruth and Mr Harvie could consider the proposed communications plan from TS please – covering PfG and Climate Week.

The attached document has been cleared by TS PfG leads, TS directors, alongside Kate and Gavin for SpAd interests.

The priority is urgent – and consideration by Monday evening would be helpful if possible thanks.

Kind regards,

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**Minister for Transport / Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights**

**TS Communications plan – Programme for Government (PfG) and Climate Week 2022**

[redacted – out of scope]

A summary of the main twitter thread is outlined [redacted – out of scope]

**3)** We recognise the pressures household budgets are under. So we're freezing @ScotRail fares through the #ScotPFG until March 2023.

Read more (right arrow) (INSERT LINK)



[redacted – out of scope]

## **Annex B – Q&A**

### **WHY FREEZE RAIL FARES INSTEAD OF CUTTING RAIL FARES?**

- The Scottish Government understands full well the pressures household budgets are under and will do all we can to help.
- Rail fares for next year will be confirmed in due course, but Ministers are very clear they will be lower than July RPI
- As outlined in the Programme for Government, there will be no change to rail fares before March 2023.
- The Scottish Government is clearly aware that any RPI linked fares rise would hit hard pressed passengers in the pocket at a time when the cost crisis is at its height, and potentially turn them away from rail at a time when we should be encouraging them back.
- The Scottish Government has a strong track record of controlling rail fare increases – which is why rail fares in Scotland remain substantially cheaper than the GB average.
- It is clear that people up and down the country are worried about rising household bills and that is why Ministers have consistently urged the UK Government to do more to help tackle the cost crisis.

[redacted – out of scope]

## **Annex C – Transport section of PfG under ‘Tackling the Climate Emergency’**

To deliver our vision of an affordable, zero carbon and modern transport system, we will:

- Freeze ScotRail fares until March 2023, and complete a Fair Fares Review – delivering options for a sustainable and integrated approach to all public transport fares.

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**Email – 19 August 2022**

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**Subject:** RE: Rail fares - Submission on RPI and fares increase

Hi [redacted],

Ms Gilruth is content to clear.

Many thanks,

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PS/Minister for Transport

Following on from previous e-mails, I can confirm that the AO template (copy attached) relating to RPI and rail fares has been through the full set of required approval processes as outlined in Annex C of the AO template. This includes the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport and the Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth.

I should be grateful if the Minister could now confirm that she is content with the AO template.

The Minister had also agreed lines on the matter in discussions with officials, as follows:

*The Scottish Government understands full well the pressures household budgets are under and will do all we can to help. Rail fares for next year will be confirmed in due course, but Ministers are very clear that they will not rise by an amount equivalent to the July RPI rate. There will be no change to rail fares before March 2023.*

Given ongoing interest in this matter, communications plan to issue lines to the Scotsman, PA, Daily Mail and Rail Magazine; they also plan to issue a tweet confirming our position on an RPI linked fares rise. I should be grateful if you would confirm that you are content with the lines and communication approach above.







[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

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That works thanks [redacted – section 38(1)(b)]

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Hi [redacted]

[redacted – section 30(b)(ii)] how about the following:

'We will confirm our position on fares imminently and the potential impact on hard-pressed passengers will be at the forefront of any decision taken.

Would need SpAd approval on this approach.

Thanks

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I wonder if we could be stronger and add something like [redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]  
Do others have views or alternative lines?

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Hi John,

The Minister would be grateful for an ETA on the AO template as this is becoming increasingly urgent with the amount of media interest - we need to get this cleared ASAP.

Many thanks,

Steven.

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[redacted]

Thanks for these thoughts. The projected expenditure on the net subsidy was based on RPI at the level it was projected to be around this time last year, which was considerably lower. [redacted – sections 29(1)(a) and 33(1)(b)]

Regards,

[redacted]

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**Importance:** High

All

[redacted] has updated the analysis for the actual RPI figure of 12.3% announced today.

See Rail Fares analysis - July RPI update - 17 August 2022 details - Objective ECM (scotland.gov.uk)

Note that the analysis looks at 2023 as a calendar year.

[redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

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Michelle as AO for TS will need to be satisfied on tests and clear template.

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Hi Elise and colleagues

We will prepare the AO template as a priority this morning. Can I ask DG's office to be on standby for receipt please?

Thanks.

**[redacted]**

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Thanks Elise,

Adding Michelle and Roy for awareness re AO process.

Kerry

**Kerry Twyman**

**Director of Finance and Corporate Services**

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Thanks [redacted],

[redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

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[redacted – sections 30(b)(ii) and 38(1)(b)]

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FM has noted your update – and would suggest a much simpler line, i.e. -

“SG understands full well the pressures household budgets are under and will do all we can to help. Rail fares for next year will be confirmed in due course but ministers are very clear that they will not rise by an amount equivalent to the July RPI rate.”

Lastly, FM has asked if we can we match the delay/freeze to March 2023? If so, we should say so now.

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**Sent:** 15 August 2022 17:48

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Correspondence Support Team [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** Rail fares - Submission on RPI and fares increase

Good afternoon Minister,

Please find attached briefing regarding rail fares increase linked to RPI. RPI is due to be announced on Wednesday (17 August 2022).

Kind regards,

[redacted]

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**From:** Twyman K (Kerry) [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 17 August 2022 15:42  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Reeve W (Bill)  
[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;  
[redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: Rail fares - Submission on RPI and fares increase

Thanks [redacted – sections 30(b)(ii) and 38(1)(b)]

Kerry

**Kerry Twyman**  
**Director of Finance and Corporate Services**  
**Transport Scotland**

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[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

**Subject:** RE: Rail fares - Submission on RPI and fares increase

[redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

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[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;

[redacted]@gov.scot

**Subject:** RE: Rail fares - Submission on RPI and fares increase

[redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

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Head of Economics

Transport Strategy and Analysis: **Transport Scotland**

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**From:** Twyman K (Kerry) [redacted]@gov.scot

**Sent:** 17 August 2022 15:00

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[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: Rail fares - Submission on RPI and fares increase

All,

Not for today but [redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Kerry

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[redacted]@gov.scot; McAllister C (Colin) [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: Rail fares - Submission on RPI and fares increase

All

Adding Colin please keep him copied in.

These are the lines below that Minister wishes to put to FM and DFM to clear and issue following discussion with CEO TS and director of Rail based on answering FMs question and incorporating FMs lines. But I understand there is now an AO process underway before we can put something out publicly. It would be good to know when that might be complete. There are journalists looking for our response on fare levels today. Appreciate that folk will be working at pace.

SG understands full well the pressures household budgets are under and will do all we can to help. Rail fares for next year will be confirmed in due course, but ministers are very clear that they will not rise by an amount equivalent to the July RPI rate. There will be no change to rail fares before March 2023.

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[redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

Bill

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot

**Sent:** 17 August 2022 10:08

**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; Reeve W (Bill) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Twyman K (Kerry) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

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[redacted – section 38(1)(b)]

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Some very minor tweaks

[redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

And, if pressed about why no definite figure now, we use :



[redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

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**Sent:** 16 August 2022 19:20

**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;  
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**Subject:** RE: Rail fares - Submission on RPI and fares increase

Thank-you.

[redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

So, I think our lines become :

[redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

And, if pressed about why no definite figure now, we use :

[redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

Regards,

Bill

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot

**Sent:** 16 August 2022 19:13

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[redacted]@gov.scot

**Subject:** RE: Rail fares - Submission on RPI and fares increase

Bill, I've attached the FM reply but for ease the full text is:

FM has noted your update – and would suggest a much simpler line, i.e. -

“SG understands full well the pressures household budgets are under and will do all we can to help. Rail fares for next year will be confirmed in due course but ministers are very clear that they will not rise by an amount equivalent to the July RPI rate.”

Lastly, FM has asked if we can we match the delay/freeze to March 2023? If so, we should say so now.

[redacted – section 38 (1)(b)]

[redacted]

**Head of Rail Policy**

**Rail Directorate**

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[redacted]@gov.scot

**Subject:** RE: Rail fares - Submission on RPI and fares increase

[redacted – out of scope]

Meanwhile, my reflections are :

[redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

We will need to go back with something this evening.

Regards,

Bill

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot

**Sent:** 16 August 2022 18:46

**To:** Reeve W (Bill) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Twyman K (Kerry) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

**Subject:** RE: Rail fares - Submission on RPI and fares increase

The FM did not exactly say that.....

“SG understands full well the pressures household budgets are under and will do all we can to help. Rail fares for next year will be confirmed in due course but ministers are very clear that they will not rise by an amount equivalent to the July RPI rate.”

Lastly, FM has asked if we can [redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

[redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

We may have to cover this tomorrow now but as [redacted] has suggested Ministers will start being asked questions from tomorrow morning at 7am.....

[redacted – section 38(1)(b)]





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**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot

**Sent:** 17 August 2022 07:57

**To:** Reeve W (Bill) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Twyman K (Kerry) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Chief Executive Transport Scotland [redacted]@gov.scot; Quinn M (Michelle) [redacted]@gov.scot

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Bill

You may have picked up on a separate exchange that [redacted – sections 30(b)(ii) and 38(1)(b)]

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[redacted]@gov.scot; Chief Executive Transport Scotland [redacted]@gov.scot;  
Quinn M (Michelle) [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: Rail fares - Submission on RPI and fares increase

Colleagues,

I have had a brief exchange with Michelle and also a discussion with [redacted]

The plan now is that I will see Michelle in BH tomorrow around 08.30 prior to our meeting with the Minister.

I think our lines will be :

[redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

And, if pressed about why no definite figure now, we use :

[redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

And our advice to Ministers will include an estimated cost of [redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

I have copied this to Michelle for info prior to our discussion tomorrow.

Regards,

Bill

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot

**Sent:** 16 August 2022 20:25

**To:** Reeve W (Bill) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;  
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[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

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[redacted], [redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

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[redacted]@gov.scot, Twyman K (Kerry) [redacted]@gov.scot, [redacted]@gov.scot,  
[redacted]@gov.scot

**Subject:** RE: Rail fares - Submission on RPI and fares increase

Thank-you.

[redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

So, I think our lines become :

[redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

And, if pressed about why no definite figure now, we use :

[redacted – section 29(1)(a)]

Regards,

Bill



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**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot  
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[redacted – sections 30(b)(ii) and 38(1)(b)]

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**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 16 August 2022 15:56



Cheers.

[redacted]

Head of Rail Passenger Services Unit

Transport Scotland

[redacted]@gov.scot

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot

**Sent:** 16 August 2022 16:03

**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot

**Subject:** FW: Rail fares - Submission on RPI and fares increase

Hi [redacted],

Are there lines for the points [redacted] raises?

Thanks,

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot

**Sent:** 16 August 2022 15:56

**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot

**Cc:** DG Net Zero [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Communications Finance & Economy [redacted]@gov.scot; DG Net Zero [redacted]@gov.scot; Higgins K (Kate) [redacted]@gov.scot; Martin AF (Anne) [redacted]@gov.scot; Press Transport Scotland [redacted]@gov.scot; Transport Scotland Directors [redacted]@gov.scot; Transport Scotland Media [redacted]@gov.scot; CFO : Head of CFO Unit [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;

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Just removing Ministers. [redacted], when responding to FM can you be clear please [redacted – section 30(b)(ii)] what has been assumed for fare increase (% rise & from when) as part of existing plans to close that gap, and the financial impact of not increasing fares until March 2023?

Many thanks,

[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 16 August 2022 15:02  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: Rail fares - Submission on RPI and fares increase

Hi [redacted]

I'll come back to you on this if that's okay.

Cheers.

[redacted]

Head of Rail Passenger Services Unit

Transport Scotland

[redacted]@gov.scot

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 16 August 2022 14:21  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: Rail fares - Submission on RPI and fares increase

You could say officials and comms both content to use revised line if SpAds and Minister also in agreement. [redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

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**Sent:** 16 August 2022 14:19  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** FW: Rail fares - Submission on RPI and fares increase

Hi [redacted],

[redacted] – Are you ok if I reply that Comms with use FM's line below?

[redacted] - [redacted – sections 29(1)(a) and 30(b)(ii)]

[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 16 August 2022 11:03  
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[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot  
Subject: RE: ScotRail fares increase - analysis of ScotRail proposed scenarios using  
June RPI - August 2022 (A40120945)

Hi [redacted],

Just to follow up on my note from last week. [redacted] shared an Excel file [redacted – section 30(b)(ii)] [redacted]'s spreadsheet is really useful, and contains a lot more detail than I've used in this note - so if you want me to look at any of the cost lines in more detail I should be able to do so.

The main conclusion is that [redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

Happy to chat about this or look more at this issue if that would help.

[redacted]  
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Rail and Road Economics  
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Sent: 10 August 2022 15:57  
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[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;  
[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot  
Subject: ScotRail fares increase - analysis of ScotRail proposed scenarios using  
June RPI - August 2022 (A40120945)

Hi [redacted]

[redacted – sections 29(1)(a) and 30(b)(ii)]

Happy to chat about any of this and/or do more/different analysis.

[redacted] has sent you a link to "ScotRail fares increase - analysis of ScotRail proposed scenarios using June RPI - August 2022" (A40120945) from Objective.

Open in Navigator

Double click on the attachment

**Attachment – ScotRail Costs Data and RPI – analysis – August 2022**



## **SCOTRAIL - 2023 RPI FARES INCREASE**

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]



**From:** Higgins K (Kate) [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 15 August 2022 16:55  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Reeve W (Bill) [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: Priority - Official sensitive - Submission on RPI and rail Fares increase

Ok thanks [redacted – sections 30(b)(ii) and 38(1)(b)] can we indicate that work is underway in the sub please

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**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Reeve W (Bill) [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: Priority - Official sensitive - Submission on RPI and rail Fares increase

Hi Kate,

Once options have been fully explored a submission will be sent to the Minister with more detailed information and comparative information can be included within it.

Thanks,

[redacted]

**From:** Higgins K (Kate) [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 15 August 2022 15:48  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Reeve W (Bill) [redacted]@gov.scot  
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[redacted – sections 30(b)(ii) and 38(1)(b)]

Kate

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**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Reeve W (Bill) [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: Priority - Official sensitive - Submission on RPI and rail Fares increase  
**Importance:** High

Hi Kate

[redacted – sections 30(b)(ii) and 38(1)(b)]

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**Subject:** RE: Priority - Official sensitive - Submission on RPI and rail Fares increase

[redacted]

This is fine – I would imagine Ms Gilruth will want to discuss this on Wednesday so helpful if she gets this before then. On the lines a few tweaks suggested:

### **Lines to Take**

- It is clear that [redacted] we currently face a rapidly escalating emergency that goes beyond simply the cost of living and is now a more general cost of everything crisis.
- Scottish Ministers are clear that the powers and resources needed to tackle this emergency on the scale required - access to borrowing, welfare, VAT on fuel, taxation of windfall profits, regulation of the energy market - lie with the UK Government. [redacted]
- At the same time, the Scottish Government will continue to do everything within its own resources and powers to help those most affected.

[redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

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**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 15 August 2022 14:56  
**To:** Higgins K (Kate) [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Reeve W (Bill) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** Priority - Official sensitive - Submission on RPI and rail Fares increase  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon Kate,

Please see attached a ministerial briefing regarding rail fares increase linked to RPI as per your discussion with officials last week.

I would be grateful for any comments you may have by 4pm tomorrow (16 August) to ensure the Minister receives this briefing in advance of the RPI announcement on Wednesday.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

**Email – 15 August 2022**

**From:** Higgins K (Kate) [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 15 August 2022 16:55  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Reeve W (Bill) [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: Priority - Official sensitive - Submission on RPI and rail Fares increase

Ok happy with that

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Special Advisor to the First Minister  
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[redacted]

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**To:** Higgins K (Kate) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot  
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**Subject:** RE: Priority - Official sensitive - Submission on RPI and rail Fares increase

Ok have added that back in to the lines and we can attribute to a SG spokesperson when issuing.

- It is clear that people up and down the country are worried about rising household bills and that is why Ministers have consistently urged the UK Government to do more to help tackle the cost of living crisis
- Scottish Ministers are clear that the powers and resources needed to tackle this emergency on the scale required - access to borrowing, welfare, VAT on fuel, taxation of windfall profits, regulation of the energy market - lie with the

UK Government. Only independence would give Scotland access to all the powers and levers that other countries have to address the cost of living crisis

- At the same time, the Scottish Government will continue to do everything within its own resources and powers to help those most affected.
- The Scottish Government is clearly aware that any RPI linked fares rise would hit hard pressed passengers in the pocket at a time when the cost of living crisis is at its height and potentially turn them away from rail at a time when we should be encouraging them back.
- That is why we do not expect to increase fares by RPI - any decision on a fares increase will be considered carefully over time.
- The Scottish Government has a strong track record of controlling rail fare increases – which is why rail fares in Scotland remain substantially cheaper than the GB average.

**From:** Higgins K (Kate) [redacted]@gov.scot

**Sent:** 15 August 2022 16:17

**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Reeve W (Bill) [redacted]@gov.scot

**Subject:** RE: Priority - Official sensitive - Submission on RPI and rail Fares increase

[redacted – sections 30(b)(ii) and 38(1)(b)]

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**Sent:** 15 August 2022 16:09

**To:** Higgins K (Kate) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Reeve W (Bill) [redacted]@gov.scot

**Subject:** RE: Priority - Official sensitive - Submission on RPI and rail Fares increase

Does the second/third lines below answer this?

**From:** Higgins K (Kate) [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 15 August 2022 16:06  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Reeve W (Bill) [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: Priority - Official sensitive - Submission on RPI and rail Fares increase

[redacted – sections 30(b)(ii) and 38(1)(b)]

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**Sent:** 15 August 2022 15:54  
**To:** Higgins K (Kate) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Reeve W (Bill) [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: Priority - Official sensitive - Submission on RPI and rail Fares increase

[redacted – sections 30(b)(ii) and 38(1)(b)]

**From:** Higgins K (Kate) [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 15 August 2022 15:40  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; Reeve W (Bill) [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: Priority - Official sensitive - Submission on RPI and rail Fares increase

[redacted], this is core SG line – or there is a version of it

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**From:** Reeve W (Bill) [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 15 August 2022 14:00  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; Twyman K (Kerry) [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: Priority - For Directors' Review - Official Sensitive - Submission on RPI and fares increase

This time with the correct file....

**From:** Reeve W (Bill)  
**Sent:** 15 August 2022 11:02  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; Twyman K (Kerry) [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: Priority - For Directors' Review - Official Sensitive - Submission on RPI and fares increase



Dear [redacted] and Colleagues,

Please see my revisions to the attached, with which I am now content. Please offer for SPAD consideration prior to submission.

Thanks,

Bill

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot

**Sent:** 15 August 2022 09:46

**To:** Reeve W (Bill) [redacted]@gov.scot; Twyman K (Kerry) [redacted]@gov.scot

**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

**Subject:** RE: Priority - For Directors' Review - Official Sensitive - Submission on RPI and fares increase

Hi Bill and Kerry

Copy to [redacted] and [redacted]

With apologies, please find attached on Objective link to a revised version of the submission. This is to reflect the statement issued by DfT, covered in the BBC article (see link below).

Rail fares in England to rise below inflation rate, ministers say - BBC News

Click on the link to open 'Scottish Rail Holdings - Fares - January 2023 fares setting round (July 2022 RPI) - Transport Minister Briefing August 2022' - <https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/A40192559/details>

Thanks.

**[redacted]**

Head of Rail Passenger Services Unit

Transport Scotland

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## **SCOTRAIL - 2023 RPI FARES INCREASE**

[redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 14 August 2022 16:46

**To:** Reeve W (Bill) [redacted]@gov.scot; Twyman K (Kerry) [redacted]@gov.scot

**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

**Subject:** Priority - For Directors' Review - Official Sensitive - Submission on RPI and fares increase

**Importance:** High

Hi Bill and Kerry

**Copy to: [redacted] and [redacted] – could you pick up any changes suggested by Bill and Kerry please?**

I hope you're well.

The July RPI figure is expected to be announced this Wednesday. Indications from our Economist colleagues is that RPI will be in the region of 12-13%. As you may know, the January fares increase is usually linked to July RPI.

In previous years, we have normally prepared and issued a briefing to Ministers once we have the actual RPI figure i.e. on the day. However, given the current circumstances, I feel that there is some value in getting a day or two ahead of it. Hence sending this draft submission to you now.

As in previous years, we are recommending that [redacted – section 30(b)(ii)] Colleagues in RARE are working on this at the moment. [redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

If you could consider this submission through the course of tomorrow, I should be very grateful.

Note that the Rail Management Team (including [redacted – section 38(1)(b)]) and comms have commented on the draft. I've left in the tracked changes so you can see what they have suggested.

Many thanks.

[redacted]

Head of Rail Passenger Services Unit

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[redacted]@gov.scot

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot

**Sent:** 12 August 2022 17:38

**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;  
[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

**Subject:** RE: Official Sensitive - FOR REVIEW BY CoP - Submission on fares

Hi all sorry for some reason I cannot access the objective version please find attached tracked changes version with what I hope are helpful comments/amendments.

[redacted – section 38(1)(b)]

**Head of Rail Policy**

**Rail Directorate**

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**Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow, G4 0HF**

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**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot

**Sent:** 12 August 2022 12:34

**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;  
[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

**Subject:** RE: Official Sensitive - FOR REVIEW BY CoP - Submission on fares

[redacted]

I've tracked some changes in the attached version, also saved in Objective.

**[redacted]**

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## **SCOTRAIL - 2023 RPI FARES INCREASE**

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**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 28 July 2022 09:23  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;  
[redacted]@gov.scot  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Fares approach to discuss

Hi [redacted] et al

Noting [redacted] is on leave until Monday and can you forward erdm link to his colleague [redacted], added here for awareness.

For all to be aware, [redacted] had been working on this matter with [redacted] at ScotRail, see attached and noting SRH colleagues were included in circulations.

I have already flagged to colleague's that Labour has already raised next year's potential inflation linked fares increases in the media, and so the normal process of briefing Minister in mid-August when the July RPI figure is confirmed, may be subject to earlier Ministerial interest than previous.

We should also stay in touch with [redacted], also added, who is leading work on considering fares increases across public transport with similar issues affecting ferries and bus.

Thanks

Regards

[redacted]

Rail Policy Team Leader

Transport Scotland

[redacted]



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**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot

**Sent:** 28 July 2022 06:42

**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;  
[redacted]@gov.scot

**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot

**Subject:** RE: Draft Fares approach to discuss

[redacted] – Could you save this on erdm please as a discussion document, share with [redacted] and I will have a chat with [redacted] re next steps for Fares 2023

[redacted]

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**Rail Directorate – Transport Scotland**

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**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 28 July 2022 06:03  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;  
[redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** FW: Draft Fares approach to discuss

For awareness

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**From:** [redacted]@scotrailholdings.co.uk  
**Sent:** 27 July 2022 19:36  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; Reeve W (Bill) [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** FW: Draft Fares approach to discuss

Hi [redacted],

Sorry, I missed you off the original list.

Regards

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 27 July 2022 19:31

**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@railholdings.scot

**Subject:** Draft Fares approach to discuss

All,

Please find attached a draft Fares Strategy which I am sharing simultaneously with SRT. The purpose of this document is to aid discussion on the development of options to consider for the fares change in January 2023.

I am sharing this to start any discussion needed, and to that end I am available to meet with anyone to discuss this.

Regards

[redacted]

**Rail Business Director**

[redacted]



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I work flexibly, so whilst sometimes it suits me to email outside normal working hours, I do not expect a response outside your own.

## **SCOTRAIL - 2023 RPI FARES INCREASE**

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[redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;  
[redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: RMT meeting on 29/6 - paper on RPI/CPI and Rail fares - for info

Morning [redacted]

Just to flag some weekend headlines whereby Labour demanding commitment from Sg that fares increases in January will not be usual RPI. [redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

Thanks

Regards

[redacted]

Rail Policy Team Leader

Transport Scotland

M – [redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 08 June 2022 12:57  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;  
[redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: RPI and Fares rises

Thanks [redacted], and apologies your previous e-mail slipped off the radar. Correct to raise this early for considerations.

[redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

Happy to discuss if easier.

Regards

[redacted]  
Rail Policy Team Leader  
Transport Scotland  
M – [redacted]  
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**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot;  
[redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RE: RPI and Fares rises

Hi [redacted],

Have you had any further thoughts regarding the below?

Just looking at the latest figures, RPI for April is now over 11%.

[redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

Thanks,

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Sent:** 17 May 2022 17:07  
**To:** [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot  
**Subject:** RPI and Fares rises

Hi [redacted],

Thinking ahead, with inflation rising rapidly, I've looked at RPI rates so we can try and gauge what might be coming down the track in terms of fare rises.

[redacted – section 30(b)(ii)]

Thanks,

[redacted]

Annual inflation rate of RPI 2019-2026 (source - statista.com)

2019 – 2.6%

2020 – 1.5%

2021 – 4.1%

2022 – 9.8%



2023 – 5.5%

2024 – 2.3%

2025 – 2.5%

2026 – 2.7%

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From: [redacted]@gov.scot  
Sent: 10 August 2022 14:23  
To: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot  
Subject: RE: Scottish Rail Holdings - Fares - January 2023 fares setting round (July 2022 RPI) - Transport Minister Briefing August 2022 (A40117295)

Thanks both - [redacted] – [redacted] can help with dates - it's all to do with when fares - IF they go up in January - become visible on systems

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[redacted]

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Sent: 10 August 2022 13:52

To: [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot

Subject: Scottish Rail Holdings - Fares - January 2023 fares setting round (July 2022  
RPI) - Transport Minister Briefing August 2022 (A40117295)

Hi [redacted],

Please see attached draft of the RPI fares briefing. I've highlighted in red a couple of  
points in red I'm unsure about. Just let me know any changes you would like before  
it's sent wider.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted] has sent you a link to "Scottish Rail Holdings - Fares - January 2023 fares  
setting round (July 2022 RPI) - Transport Minister Briefing August 2022"  
(A40117295) from Objective.

Open in Navigator  
Double click on the attachment

[attachment referenced earlier in this release and redacted in full]