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Subject: Peak Fares Pilot Decsion

Hi all, sorry tried to give you a calls this morning but could not get any of you, I wont take it personally. 😊 To advise that Ministers have now taken a decision on Peak Fares and have decided to reinstate Peak Fares at the end of the pilot and for Season Tickets to be reduced by 20% for 12 months and Flexi Passes increased from 5 to 6 (equivalent of 20% discount) permanently. Also to confirm that Super Off Peak fares should be reinstated at the end of the pilot. This is all to be announced in the form of a GIQ which will be lodged later this afternoon and responded/published tomorrow at 09:30. Cab Sec will do media tomorrow after her visit to Border's railway (around lunchtime) and the Full Evaluation will be published on the TS website at the same time as the GIQ is answered tomorrow. I know you will have to start to prepare for tomorrow but can I ask that is treated where possible in confidence we are required to follow convention and for Parliament to be updated first with regard to this decision.

Sorry I had preferred to download this speaking to you all and to thank you all for what you have done to get us to this point. There is a lot above to unpack for yourselves and [REDACTED] and the team stand ready to discuss further and to share all the docs/plans etc for the next few days so please reach out.

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Subject: FOR URGENT CONSIDERATION: ScotRail Peak Fares Removal Pilot - Ministerial Submission - Final Evaluation and Next steps - Further advice - 12 August

Cabinet Secretary for Transport,

ScotRail Peak Fares Removal Pilot - Final Evaluation and Next Steps – Further Advice

Further to our submission dated 2 August on the Peak Fares Removal Pilot you met with officials on the 7 August where you requested further advice on all the options considered by officials and SRT with regard to the ending of the Pilot, alongside any potential new options.

Annex A and Annex B (attached) to this email provides a summary of all options officials and SRT have considered with regard to ending the trial. [REDACTED]
s29(1)(a)

As discussed on Wednesday officials have considered the impact of the scheme against the First Minister's priorities, our net zero ambitions, the benefits to rail passengers, and the exceptionally challenging outlook for public finances in light of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's statement last month and the advice we have received on its implications for the Scottish Budget. [REDACTED] s29(1)(a)

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Attachments Annex A and B (**Document 2**) have been withheld under s29 (1)(a)

Kind regards
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Subject: RE: Rail Policy - ScotRail Peak Fares Removal Pilot - Ministerial Submission - Final Evaluation -2 August 2024

[REDACTED],

Thanks for sight of the below email exchange. Ms Robison has noted and is of the view we simply can't afford this given the financial position.

Many thanks,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Deputy Private Secretary | Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government – Shona Robison MSP | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | M: [REDACTED] E: CabSecFLG@gov.scot

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Private Office,

Please find attached a submission with advice on the ScotRail Peak Fares Pilot. This has a routine marking. Officials are available to discuss this with the Cabinet Secretary if she wishes.

Kate has reviewed this and her feedback has been incorporated.

Kind regards

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Document 1:

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