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The Scottish Parliament
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Dear Convener,

CALEDONIAN SLEEPER – ARRANGEMENTS POST 25 JUNE 2023

I write further to my original letter of 5 October 2022 which confirmed my decision not to accept a rebasing proposal from Serco Caledonian Sleepers Limited (SCSL) in relation to the Caledonian Sleeper Franchise. As a result of that decision a notice of termination was issued to SCSL advising that the Franchise Agreement would end on 25 June 2023.

You may also be aware of the recent debate in Parliament on 12 January 2023 following a motion lodged by Richard Leonard MSP in relation to the future arrangements for the continued provision of Caledonian Sleeper rail services. I committed at that debate to updating Parliament, in the coming weeks, on the new proposed delivery model for Caledonian Sleeper services.

I can confirm, as I announced in Parliament today, that from 25 June 2023 the provision of Caledonian Sleeper rail services will be undertaken using Operator of Last Resort arrangements. This will see Scottish Rail Holdings Limited oversee, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, the delivery of services by Caledonian Sleeper Limited.

Your Sincerely,

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Minister for Transport

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