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Dear Alyson,

**Investing in Scotland's infrastructure**

At its meeting on [2 November 2023](#), the Public Audit Committee heard evidence from the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS) on his briefing on [Investing in Scotland's infrastructure](#).

The Committee agreed to invite you, in your role as Portfolio Accountable Officer, to give evidence on issues raised in both the AGS's briefing paper and during this evidence session.

In advance of your evidence session, the Committee would like you to provide a written response to the following issues that arose during the AGS's evidence session, to enable Members to raise any follow up questions with you when you give evidence.

- Current up-to-date costs and timescales for the dualling of the A9 (column 14).

- The role of the Scottish Futures Trust in advising the Scottish Government on the prioritisation of projects (column 18).
- The rationale for the single Scottish estate survey being limited to only administrative buildings and not including all other buildings, such as operational building, colleges, NHS buildings and local authority buildings in order to have a total overall picture of the Scottish public sector estate (columns 25/26).

The Committee would be grateful for a response by **13 December 2023**.

The Committee clerks will be in touch with your office to arrange a date for the evidence session, which will take place early next year.

Yours sincerely

**Richard Leonard MSP,  
Convener**