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Dear William

## **MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS: PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE EVIDENCE SESSION**

Thank you for your letter of 18 June advising me that the Committee has resumed taking evidence on the NIAO's recent report on 'Major Capital Projects' and asking me to attend the Committee's meeting on the afternoon of Wednesday 8 July.

I note that the focus of the Committee will be on exploring the issues raised in the NIAO report and that, for this particular session, the Committee will be taking evidence on Case Study 1 of the report (the A5) and Case Study 2 (the A6).

I am able to attend to support the Committee in its scrutiny and can confirm that John Irvine, Director of Major Projects and Procurement, will attend with me. I understand that the precise timings and format of the session on 8 July are still being finalised and I am happy to accommodate the arrangements that best suit you and your Committee.

I should like to make the Committee aware that the Department is currently awaiting the independent report from the Public Inquiry that took place in March on the A5. While I am happy to assist the Committee as best I can by responding to the observations and findings in the Case Study, I should signal that it will be important that I do not pre-empt in any way the outcome of the independent inspector's report.

I also note from your correspondence that the session may be a joint one with DfC colleagues which may include a focus on the Regional Stadia Programme (Case Study 9). I should also explain, in this context, that the DfC Regional Stadia Programme includes the Casement Park stadium which is currently the subject of a live planning application being processed by one of my teams within the

Department. In these circumstances, it would not be appropriate for me to offer any comment on this particular application. I can, of course, provide evidence on general planning-related issues of relevance to the report if required.

I hope this response is helpful and look forward to engaging with the Committee on 8 July.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katrina Godfrey'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**KATRINA GODFREY**