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DEPOSITING RESPONSE TO AQO 1738/22-27

I regret I was unable to answer your question in the Assembly Chamber during Oral Question Time. I subsequently provided you with a written response on Monday 24 March 2025.

Should there be any follow on queries concerning the Deposited Response, you can contact my officials from Transport and Road Asset Management Division on 02890 543901 or by e-mail at TRAMBusinessSupport@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk

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LIZ KIMMINS MLA
Minister for Infrastructure

QUESTION 4 DANNY DONNELLY MLA (EAST ANTRIM)

AQO 1738 22-27

DATE FOR ANSWER: MONDAY 24 MARCH 2025

To ask the Minister for Infrastructure for her assessment of the potential impact that an expert led, independent Infrastructure Commission will have on capital infrastructure projects.

ANSWER

The potential impact of an expert led, independent Infrastructure Commission on capital infrastructure projects within my department would very much depend on the detail of any such proposal.

I am reassured to note that my department already possesses a great deal of expertise in its delivery of major infrastructure schemes and is working collaboratively with other departments and the Strategic Investment Board in preparation for the agreement of an Investment Strategy.

This Strategy will determine the capital projects my department will take forward over the next ten years, and will include a range of 12 enabling actions designed to improve our ability to plan for, procure and deliver these schemes.

These actions include Capability Planning, improvements to our Business Case Process; enhanced Monitoring and Assurance; an Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Carbon Assessments and Standards.

As an outworking of DAO 02/20 - Revised Guidance on Best Practice on Project Delivery and Engagement with the Gateway/Assurance Review Process, my Department has an established P3O Office and Major Projects Committee to provide the required oversight of these infrastructure projects.

Signed: _____

LIZ KIMMINS MLA
Minister for Infrastructure

Date: 24/03/2025_____