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Dear Councillor Millar,

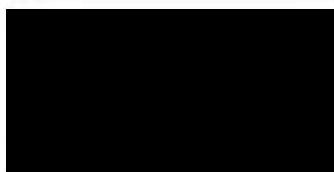
Thank you for your letter of 3 September the Office for National Statistics (ONS) review of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR) project and the implications for the Alness Academy project.

John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy, has already shared with Parliament, on 31 July, and more recently on 9 September information on the work being undertaken in response to the ONS review, including consideration of whether further changes would be required to the hub model (through which schools projects, including the new secondary school within your constituency, are being delivered) and that there was likely to be some impact on the delivery timetable for hub projects in the current pipeline. The issues are complex and discussion with the ONS and other parties is continuing as a priority.

Please be assured that the Scottish Government and Scottish Futures Trust are working to resolve these issues as quickly as possible and I have asked the Scottish Futures Trust to engage closely with project partners, including Highland Council, to discuss the implications for them.

I hope that this reassures you about the actions I am taking to secure a positive outcome.

Kind regards



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