

Item 12 - Question Time

To the Leader of the Council

“Given the Scottish Government’s announcement that the R100 programme to deliver complete access to 30Mbps internet to every home and business in Scotland’s most remote communities by the end of 2021 is set to be missed by at least one year, what communication has the Scottish Government had with the Highland Council prior to Mr Wheelhouse’s announcement in Parliament?”

Response to Mr S Mackie

The Director of Development and Infrastructure chairs a Digital Highland Programme board under the City-Region deal. This group, including HIE and BDUK officers, was aware of potential delays in the procurement of the R100 rollout, however there was no formal communication from Scottish Government prior to the Minister’s announcement.