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Dear Jim

**A9 Dualling Perth to Inverness
Update on Progress**

I refer to my letter of 13 August 2014 to the committee and am delighted to be able to update you on a further milestone in the A9 Dualling Programme.

Today we are announcing that the final of the three engineering consultancy contracts has been awarded to a joint venture of Mouchel Fairhurst.

The two contracts we previously awarded have already created more than 230 Scottish based jobs, including 37 new graduates and apprentices.

Through our commitment to working with the education and engineering sectors on the Programme we are determined to make sure that local pupils and students are well placed to benefit from this job creation both in the short and the long term.

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