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Dear Ministers,

### [Inquiry into A9 Dualling Project](#)

As you may be aware, the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee have been considering petition [PE1992: Dual the A9 and improve road safety](#). Given the importance of the issues involved the Committee agree to launch an inquiry into the A9 Dualling Project.

This has included hearing evidence from the Petitioner, the Civil Engineering Contractors Association Scotland, Transport Scotland, and the former Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment, Alex Neil.

In considering this evidence, the Committee agreed at its meeting on 25 October 2023 to write to you seeking information on the advice you received on the progress of the A9 dualling project during your time as the Minister for Transport. The Committee would also welcome your reflections on the evidence it has gathered to date. Details of the Committee's consideration of this issue are available on the [inquiry webpage](#).

The Committee would be grateful to receive your response electronically, in Word format, by no later than **Friday 24 November 2023**. Your response will be processed in accordance with the Parliament's [policy on the treatment of written evidence](#).

Once the Committee has had the opportunity to consider your response, along with other evidence in relation to this inquiry, it may invite you to provide further written or oral evidence.

On behalf of the Committee, thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Carlaw', with a large loop at the beginning and a horizontal flourish at the end.

**Jackson Carlaw MSP**  
Convener