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Dear *Val*

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Thank you for the opportunity to come and speak to the Committee about this very important subject. With regard to the specific additional information you requested:

- The document on the future of London's railways that the deputy Mayor and I mentioned is still being compiled, and I expect it to be published in the autumn. I will of course make sure that you receive a copy as soon as it is available.
- As part of the process to develop this year's TfL business plan we are working up our estimate of the investment needed on the inner southeastern routes if the Mayor were to take them over. Based on our experience with the newly transferred West Anglia routes to Enfield, Cheshunt and Chingford. This will give us greater insight into the one-off improvements to stations, CCTV, help points, and customer information more generally. There would also be ongoing operational costs for all day staffing, reliability improvements, and train leasing (some extra units, and vehicle refurbishment). Additionally, we plan to work with Network Rail during the forthcoming Kent Route Study process to identify, and cost, a wider package of track, signalling and station enhancements designed to allow more significant frequency increases and journey time reductions.

- We are continuing to engage with ministers and officials at the Department for Transport regarding the new South West franchise, to begin in 2017. We will seek to influence the new franchise so that it delivers the improvements that are needed. We will also make the case for a greater role for local bodies – including TfL – in managing train services in the area covered by the franchise.
- I can confirm that we discussed the Greenford – West Ealing service with the DfT, and that it will continue to be part of the Great Western franchise for the foreseeable future. Nonetheless this railway, like all railways in London, could benefit from the kinds of improvements we will be outlining in our document when it is published

I trust this information is useful. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

Kind regards



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