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Thank you for your letter of 16 October to Patrick McLoughlin, outlining the findings of your committee's recent work on rail devolution in London. I am replying as Minister responsible for this issue.

My Department is absolutely focused on providing the best possible services for rail customers in London. To that end, I have asked officials to consider how best the Department and TfL can work together in relation to future franchises. Your committee's report is a helpful contribution to this and I am grateful for your work.

I remain focused on getting a good result for London in the Spending Review and remain open to all ideas about how we can provide better services. The Department is engaging closely with the Mayor and TfL on how best to achieve this.

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