



Transport Committee

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By email

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Dear Secretary of State,

Appointment as Secretary of State for Transport

On behalf of the Transport Committee I wanted to congratulate you on your appointment as Secretary of State for Transport and welcome you to the role.

You may be aware that the Committee [heard evidence from your predecessor](#) in a wide-ranging and constructive oral evidence session on 13 November. We found it extremely valuable to hear about her priorities for the role and her views on other topical issues such as the nationalisation of rail services, integrated transport and decarbonisation.

Since meeting for the first time in October, the Committee has also heard evidence from the Roads Minister about driving test availability, and we will take evidence from the Rail Minister shortly about rail infrastructure. We have also recently launched two substantive inquiries into Buses connecting communities and Managing the impact of street works, with further inquiries to follow, and we look forward to receiving evidence from your Department on those topics. Our predecessor Committee carried out a wide-ranging programme of work, including an inquiry into Accessible transport which was not able to report before Dissolution, and we plan to continue scrutiny of this important issue.

We look forward to welcoming you to a formal hearing at the Committee in due course, likely in early Spring. As always, however, we would appreciate it if you kept us informed of any policy changes or developments, and the Committee will be in touch with any questions it has.

We wish you every success in your new role and look forward to working with you.

Kind regards,

Ruth Cadbury MP
Chair, Transport Committee