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Dear Sir Geoffrey,

Six-monthly report to Parliament on HS2

I am writing to inform you that the Secretary of State has this afternoon published a written update to Parliament on the progress of HS2.

This report, which covers data reported by HS2 Ltd to the end of April 2025, forms part of the government's commitment to update Parliament every six months; we will continue to do so to promote transparency and accountability on the programme.

Since the previous report, we have commenced a programme reset led by HS2 Ltd's new Chief Executive, Mark Wild. This work will build upon his initial findings and assessment, which the Secretary of State for Transport published earlier in June. Alongside this reset, other recent publications, including the Major Transport Projects Governance and Assurance Review led by James Stewart, provide a strong foundation for bringing HS2 under control. Working with the government, HS2 Ltd will establish a new baseline for cost and schedule over the reset, whilst continuing to drive in-year delivery performance.

The report can be read in full [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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Permanent Secretary