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Dear

## **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

Thank you for your letter of 26 September 2005 about the average cost per mile to construct a motorway.

The average cost of constructing a new motorway quoted in Hansard in May of this year was £23 million per mile. In considering the cost of a new motorway there are many factors that can significantly affect the cost, including the location of the road, the design of junctions and structures, ground conditions and environmental mitigation.

We are currently reviewing the average costs and early indications are that they may have increased to an average of about £28 million per mile.

Yours sincerely

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