

Question for the Joint Committee meeting July 19th 2024



From Scott Slavin - Vice Chair Tamar Toll Action Group <vicechair@tamartollactiongroup.org>

To Richard Orpwood <Richard.Orpwood@cornwall.gov.uk>

Date 16/07/2024 08:24

Dear Mr Orpwood

Please see below my question for submission to the Joint Committee as a public question for this week's meeting.

- Evidence to the 2019 inquiry focused on the finances for the crossings without study of the financial impact on the areas they serve. Will this committee commission a report to examine the economic impact on the areas reliant on the crossings and the benefits to their economies from toll abolition?

Kind regards

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Scott Slavin

Vice Chair

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From Richard Orpwood <Richard.Orpwood@cornwall.gov.uk>
To Scott Slavin - Vice Chair Tamar Toll Action Group <vicechair@tamartollactiongroup.org>
Date 22/07/2024 08:18

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Good morning Mr Slavin, please see below the response that was given to your public question at the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee meeting on Friday, 19 July 2024.

“The evidence presented to the 2019 enquiry reflected the toll revision application and the statutory framework under which that enquiry was held. At the Joint Committee meeting on the 19th March 2024 it was resolved that the Joint Committee and the parent authorities will continue to work with the Peninsula Transport Board, our Members of Parliament and Government to secure funding for the crossings and to meaningfully explore the possibility of toll abolition in a manner which addresses all of the complex issues set out in the report on the subject presented to that meeting. Following that resolution, the Joint Committee wrote to the Minister of Transport informing him of the resolution made by the Joint Committee and stating that, ‘the Joint Committee would appreciate the view of the Government as to whether this is a deliverable outcome, taking into consideration the joint authorities concern outlined in the report (considered by the Joint Committee) with key deliverables being the need to maintain existing crossing services and to remove existing and ongoing costs to Cornwall Council and Plymouth City Council related to the bridge and ferry operations’. The Joint Committee has continued with its close liaison with the Peninsula Transport Board and is in the process of setting up a meeting with the newly elected local MPs. In the coming weeks, to fully explain its position and seek their views and support. The Joint Committee will also write to the Secretary of State for Transport in the newly elected Government to restate the position and to seek her view. Once a response from Government is received and depending on what it says, further relevant assessment work will then be undertaken.”

Many thanks,

Richard

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