

Inquiry into A9 Dualling Project

Context and timeline provided by Transport Scotland

Ministers in receipt of advice related to the A9 Project

Blue shading indicates the lead Minister for A9 as confirmed by Cabinet Secretariat records. Other Ministers will have received copies of advice provided.

Cabinet Secretaries				Ministers			
Name	Post	from	to	Name	Post	from	to
Alex Neil	Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment	19-May-11	05-Sep-12	Keith Brown	Minister for Transport and Infrastructure	12-Dec-10	25-May-11
				Keith Brown	Minister for Housing and Transport	25-May-11	04-Sep-12
Nicola Sturgeon	Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities	05-Sep-12	19-Nov-14	Keith Brown	Minister for Transport and Veterans	05-Sep-12	25-Nov-14
Keith Brown	Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities	21-Nov-14	18-May-16	Derek Mackay	Minister for Transport and Islands	25-Nov-14	18-May-16
Fergus Ewing	Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity	18-May-16	26-Jun-18				
Keith Brown	Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work	18-May-16	26-Jun-18	Humza Yousaf	Minister for Transport and Islands	18-May-16	28-Jun-18
Michael Matheson	Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity	26-Jun-18	19-May-21	Paul Wheelhouse	Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands	26-Jun-18	20-May-21
Michael Matheson	Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport	19-May-21	29-Mar-23	Graeme Dey	Minister for Transport	19-May-21	24-Jan-22
Michael Matheson	Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport	19-May-21	29-Mar-23	Jenny Gilruth	Minister for Transport	24-Jan-22	30-Mar-23
Mairi McAllan	Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition	29-Mar-23		Kevin Stewart	Minister for Transport	29-Mar-23	06-Jun-23
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A9 Dualling Perth to Inverness timeline (for locations and process definitions see next page)

Process stage (see diagram)	DMRB 1 and 2	DMRB 3		statutory processes				construction period
		Date Preferred	Publication of Draft Orders	Public Local	Date of Scottish	Publication of Made Orders	Date of General Vesting	
A9 Dualling Scheme	route options							

Name (see map)	assessment (see notes 1 and 2)	Option Announced		Inquiry Dates	Ministers Decision		Declaration (GVD)	
Luncarty to Pass of Birnam	2008-June 2013	June 2013	19 March 2014	8 June 2015	24 March 2016	20 December 2016	21 November 2017	Feb 2019 - August 2021
Pass of Birnam to Tay Crossing	2009-date	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
Tay Crossing to Ballinluig	Sept 2012 – Feb 2017	Feb 2017	31 July 2018	No Inquiry, written subs only (November 2019)	02 March 2021	26 November 2021	tbc	tbc
Pitlochry to Killiecrankie	Sept 2012 – Nov 2016	Nov 2016	15 December 2017	No Inquiry, written subs only (March 2019)	11 February 2020	26 November 2021	tbc	tbc
Killiecrankie to Glen Garry	Sept 2012- March 2016	March 2016	28 November 2017	w/c 13 January 2020	10 November 2022	tbc	tbc	tbc
Glen Garry to Dalwhinnie	Sept 2012 – Nov 2016	Nov 2016	19 December 2017	No Inquiry, written subs only (March 2019)	31 May 2019	30 July 2021	tbc	tbc
Dalwhinnie to Crubenmore	Sept 2012 – March 2016	March 2016	19 December 2017	No Inquiry, written subs only (June 2019)	23 November 2020	30 July 2021	tbc	tbc
Crubenmore to Kincaig	Sept 2012 – March 2017	March 2017	4 September 2018	No Inquiry, written subs only (Feb 2021)	17 January 2022	tbc	tbc	tbc
Kincaig to Dalraddy	2003 - Nov 2013	November 2013	November 2013	No inquiry or written subs	19 August 2014	September 2014	11 December 2014	June 2015 - Sept 2016
Dalraddy to Slochd	Sept 2012 – March 2017	March 2017	28 August 2018	No Inquiry, written subs only (October 2020)	15 November 2021	tbc	tbc	tbc
Tomatin to Moy	Sept 2012 – Nov 2016	Nov 2016	18 May 2018	No Inquiry, written subs only (August 2019)	11 February 2020	February 2021	September 2021	(first tendered 19 August 2021; currently being retendered as Sept 2023)

1. Design of all schemes commenced in September 2012 with corridor wide Preliminary Engineering studies (PES), Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and a Case for Investment.
2. The PES and SEA were published for public consultation in June 2013. An SEA addendum was published on the 19 March 2014 along with the split of the A9 into the project areas for design development.
3. Earlier work (pre 2012) had been commissioned on Luncarty to Birnam, Pass of Birnam to Tay Crossing and Kincaig to Dalraddy which allowed the Luncarty to Birnam and Kincaig to Dalraddy projects to move more quickly through the process.

Context: A9 route map and schematic of typical design and construction process

