

Derek Mackay submission of 19 November 2023

Inquiry into A9 Dualling Project

The Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee wrote to me on 1 November 2023 inviting me to provide information on the advice I received on the progress of the A9 dualling project during my time as Minister for Transport and Islands.

I have reviewed the documents that I would have seen as Minister for Transport and Islands (25 November 2014 until 18 May 2016) as provided by the Scottish Government.

The documents confirm my recollection that the Scottish Government was committed to completing the dualling of the A9 between Perth and Inverness by 2025 in the knowledge that such a timescale was challenging, given the necessary processes that would have required to be undertaken. The project was on track during that period.

Having reviewed the Committee's considerations to date I have nothing further to add.

I trust this is of assistance to your inquiry.