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Dear Lisa

During Assembly Questions on 4 June I promised to write to you to on the progress of the Glandyfi and Pont ar Ddyfi schemes which are included in our Repair and Upgrade Programme.

Preliminary investigations for the Glandyfi scheme are continuing. There is, however, still a significant amount of essential environmental and ground investigation work to be done before an acceptable scheme can be drawn up and taken to the informal consultations stage with locally elected bodies. Our Consultants will shortly be starting work on the ecological surveys needed for the Environmental Statement and on preparing documents for a Ground Investigation Contract. Once a preferred option is agreed preliminary design work will be carried out. The scheme will be subject to statutory procedures which will include the publication of draft orders and a possible Public Inquiry. A start of works is unlikely before late 2005-06.

With regard to Pont ar Ddyfi, we are currently gathering technical information to assess options to upgrade or replace the existing crossing. When we have the information we will consult in a similar way to the Glandyfi scheme. The same statutory procedures for the Glandyfi scheme will apply and a start of work on the scheme is not likely before late 2006 -07.

Yours
Andrew



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