

Dear Mr William-Baker

The revenue from individual taxes is not generally devoted to specific items of expenditure. There has been no direct relationship between vehicle excise duty and road expenditure since 1937. Since then all revenues have been combined to fund a whole range of Government spending. In this way, resources can be applied efficiently and flexibly according to public expenditure priorities.

The responsibility for expenditure on Motorways and Trunk Roads lies with the Highways Agency and for all other roads with the relevant local authority.

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