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Folks,

The Minister has responded to Lewis Macdonald's PQ on Montrose:

Lewis Macdonald (North East Scotland) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government how much it will spend on dualling the single track stretch of the East Coast railway line at Montrose in each of the next three years. (S4W-29552)

Derek Mackay: In addition to its support to the Aberdeen City Region Deal, the Scottish Government is committing an additional £200 million to increase line speeds and remove major capacity constraints along key sections of the route between Aberdeen and Dundee, including options for double tracking of Usan Junction and the South Esk Viaduct at Montrose. The additional funds will be invested over the same time period as the City Region Deal.

Lewis Macdonald (North East Scotland) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Government when work will begin on dualling the single track stretch of the East Coast railway line at Montrose, and when it will be completed. (S4W-29554)

Derek Mackay: Discussions are underway with the ScotRail Alliance to develop options and a suitable programme for delivery. The works will be completed over the same time period as the City Region Deal.

Kind regards,

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