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Dear Peredur,

On the 12 June 2025, you tabled a written question in the Senedd asking on what date the Welsh Government made aware that the East West Rail project had been reclassified on an 'England and Wales' basis ([WQ96636](#)).

To date, East West Rail has been identified as comparable in the Statement of Funding Policy. In the period since 2 June we understand that HMT has identified the classification of East West Rail as a potential mistake and are in discussion with the Department for Transport. HMT is seeking to determine whether this programme is being delivered via the Network Rail England and Wales rail infrastructure enhancement programme, which is not comparable. At the UK Spending Review on 11 June, HMT applied the same comparability factors as were used in the Autumn Budget. This means that East West Rail continues to be identified as comparable in the Statement of Funding Policy.

Yours sincerely,

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