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Dear Brian

During plenary on 3 March you asked me to provide you with further information about plans to improve frequencies on the Maesteg to Cardiff railway line, and I am writing to update you with the latest details.

The Welsh Assembly Government has commissioned Network Rail to undertake a detailed technical study of the infrastructure enhancements that are required in order to facilitate a half hourly frequency between Maesteg and Bridgend. The study is progressing well and to timescale, and I expect to be presented with the feasibility report later this year.

I will then look at the benefits and costs of the proposal before making a funding decision. If the situation relating to the business case and availability of funding is positive, then there is every possibility of the infrastructure works between Maesteg and Bridgend being completed by 2012, which would then allow a half hourly service to operate between these locations.

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