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Dear Mark

I am writing with reference to a comment you made in the Chamber last week during the debate on the North Wales Economy Motion (NDM5890). During your contribution, you remarked that I was the Minister “*who cut two key miles from dualling of the Wrexham to Saltney railway line whilst going ahead with the line redoubling in her own constituency*”.

It is important to draw your attention to the following points:

- Funding for the rail Improvement project “West of Swansea – Gowerton to Loughor” was originally approved in 2008 during the One Wales Government.
- The budget management proposals for this scheme were also approved under the same Government in 2010.
- On 14th March 2013 the First Minister added transport to my Portfolio responsibilities.
- The work on this project was completed on 8th April 2013.

As the timeline shows, I was not the responsible Minister for the decision-making and planning of this scheme.

I am copying this letter to Assembly Members in case of any misunderstanding arising from the remark.

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