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In October 2016, I informed Members of my launch of the public consultation on setting up the National Infrastructure Commission for Wales, a key commitment in our programme for government, *Taking Wales Forward.* The purpose of the commission is to help create a better informed, longer-term investment strategy by providing us with independent and expert advice on strategic infrastructure needs and priorities.

Alongside our public consultation, which ended in January, the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee conducted an inquiry into the setting up of the commission.

I am pleased today to be responding to both the committee’s recommendations and publishing a report summarising and responding to feedback received from public consultation.

I am grateful for the productive and insightful views that the public and committee have conveyed, all of which have helped shape our thinking on the way the commission should work. I am now looking to run a public appointments exercise for the commission’s chair and members in early Autumn in order to set up the commission by the end of the year.

The consultation report is available on the Welsh Government website.