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Dear Bruce,

HS2 Phase 2 rolling stock numbers

During our exchange at the Urgent Question on 17th April on rail manufacturing, I committed to writing to you regarding rolling stock for Phases 2a and 2b of High Speed 2 (HS2).

On 4 October 2023, the Prime Minister announced that Phase 1 of HS2 would continue, but that all other phases would be cancelled in response to increasing costs on the programme. This has resulted in a reduction against the anticipated rolling stock requirements for the scheme, though there has been no change in the fleet size currently under contract.

Rolling stock orders for Phases 2a and 2b have not been placed, although an option in the Phase 1 order with the Hitachi / Alstom joint venture allowed HS2 Ltd to be able to order additional trains for Phase 2a, which would have required four additional 200m trains. With the deferral of the Golborne link in the Phase 2b Crewe to Manchester Bill, HS2 Ltd had estimated that approximately 12 additional 200m trains would have been required for Phase 2b, but not until the late 2030s.

I am copying this letter to all Noble Lords who spoke in the debate and am placing a copy of it in the Library of the House.

Yours ever,

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