

National Assembly for Wales Public Accounts Committee: Inquiry into Value for Money of Motorway and Trunk Road Investment

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smooth out the delivery profile and impact positively on congestion management and road space interventions.

- 5.2 WG is currently in the process of upgrading its Highway IT management systems. The Agent welcomes the opportunity that it has had to assist the WG with the development of these systems, and looks forward to the continuing process of implementation.
- 5.3 During the past six years, the level of Capital investment in Major Maintenance of the Trunk Road Asset has fallen. This is manifest in the increased level of Network requiring intervention (up from 8% to 13%). The impact of this is an increase in the number of unplanned repairs which can lead to inefficient use of resources, increase costs and the number of network interventions. Increased capital investment would allow for major planned maintenance to take place to arrest the decline in the overall asset condition enabling a more cost effective approach to maintenance. Consideration could also be given to utilising more durable materials in certain locations to increase the lifespan of the carriageway.

6 Conclusion

- 6.1 SWTRA believe that the current trunk road Agent model has proven through rigorous and robust audits that it is providing a good level of service delivery through its public and private supply chains.
- 6.2 Whilst acknowledging there is a need to continue to review the service provision, especially in times of challenging financial climate, SWTRA is committed to working closely with its supply chain and in the delivery of its own services, to strive to provide continuous improvement.
- 6.3 SWTRA would like to thank the Committee for the opportunity to provide this statement and welcomes any questions that the Committee may have in relation to it.

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