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**From:** PS/Transport Scotland  
**Sent:** 02 July 2007 14:25  
**To:** Morrissey J (Jerry); Sharp DP (Damian)  
**Cc:** Williamson L (Lindsay); Reeve W (Bill)  
**Subject:** FW: Request for Advice - EARL - John Swinney

Jerry / Damian - to see below request for further briefing. Grateful if you could provide to PS/Transport Scotland by **noon Friday 6 July** to allow Malcolm to clear.

Thanks  
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Lindsay - for B/F for Friday 6 July, ta

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**From:** Cranney S (Shauna) **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth  
**Sent:** 02 July 2007 12:43  
**To:** PS/Transport Scotland  
**Cc:** Reeve W (Bill); Adamson L (Lucy); Communications Finance and Sustainable Growth; Noon S (Stephen); DG Economy; Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change; Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth  
**Subject:** Request for Advice - EARL - John Swinney

PS/Transport Scotland

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Mr Swinney is looking for advice from Transport Scotland in time for his return next week around how we take forward Parliament's view on the EARL project. Mr Swinney is minded to meet BAA and Network Rail separately in order to ascertain their position – is this worth pursuing and how would it fit into the overall process. As part of that overall process, it would be helpful to have a description of the alternatives available – for example how does the Trams scheme now fit into this changed picture.

It would also be helpful to have advice on the consequences for the Government of consequential such as redundancies in tie - please see attached a letter received late on Friday from tie.



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Thanks

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