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Worth reading the wording on this twice!! Particularly the TS bit.....

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**From:** Carla Simpson [<mailto:Carla@newsdirect-uk.com>]  
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Good afternoon

While giving evidence to the Transport committee this afternoon, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth John Swinney answered questions from Cathy Peattie about the Edinburgh trams project. She asked whether Transport Scotland could hold back funds from TIE, if the body was not satisfied that value for money was being achieved. John Swinney explained that City of Edinburgh Council was the client, and so Transport Scotland would have to be assured that efficiency was being achieved by the local authority. He clarified that the "onus is on the council" to undertake the project's analysis. He also made clear that TIE was the contracting body, while Transport Scotland were the funders. Referring to the Stirling-Alloa-Kincardine project, the Cabinet Secretary said lessons had to be learned from the fact that "too many people were thought to be in control". He went on to clarify that the Scottish Government would not contribute more than £500 million to the trams, and refuted claims that the criticisms of Transport Scotland surrounding the project were justified.

Kind regards,

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