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14/08/07	<p>Request:</p> <p>Request for answers to the following questions</p> <p>1 With regard to the finance mechanisms of investments, does there exist any <u>scenario</u> in the United Kingdom? What is the concrete approach of the United Kingdom government concerning the finance of these investments?</p> <p>2. What is the concrete position of Network Rail in the maintenance and the exploitation of the railway infrastructure and what is the respective concrete approach of Network Rail?</p> <p>3. Funding. What does Network Rail receive as a donation from the UK government and how does the audit/control on it happen?</p> <p>4. With regard to the technical specifications of equipment of railway stations and reception structures for passengers (signs, platforms, timetables, displays, information for the passengers), is there a matter of a certain standard/norm? If such is the case, is this standard effectively implemented? Would you be so kind to provide me with the respective supporting public documents?</p> <p>ORR's response</p> <p>1. Please see http://www.rail-reg.gov.uk/server/show/nav.190 for information on investments in the railway network.</p> <p>2. Network Rail's Asset Policies seek to achieve long term sustainability with a minimum whole life cost approach. See Network Rail's Business Plan at http://www.networkrail.co.uk/asp/3085.aspx. The Asset Policies are due to be re-issued as a precursor to Network Rail's Strategic Business Plan and will be available in early October.</p> <p>3. Please see the National Rail Trends document at http://www.rail-reg.gov.uk/upload/pdf/330-rev2.pdf. Table 6.2a shows Network Rail's funding over the past few years. The auditing of this funding occurs through the regulatory accounts which can be found on Network Rail's website at: http://www.networkrail.co.uk/browseDirectory.aspx?dir=\Regulatory%20Documents\Regulatory%20Compliance%20and%20Reporting\Regulatory%20Accounts&pageid=2893&root=</p> <p>4. The Office of Rail Regulation specifies certain criteria for equipment at railway stations from a health and safety perspective. Our Railway Safety Principles and Guidance document on stations can be found at http://www.rail-reg.gov.uk/upload/pdf/rspg-2b-stans.pdf. Please note that this is guidance only.</p>