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Dear David Chadwick

Freedom of Information Act request – 00040410

Thank you for your information request dated 19/05/2025.

You asked:

- 1) What is the most recent cost estimate the UK Government has made of the total cost of the electrification of the remainder of the South Wales mainline to be?
- 2) What is the most recent cost estimate the UK Government has made of the total cost of the electrification of the North Wales mainline to be?

I can respond as follows:

- 1) The most recent cost estimate the UK Government has made of the total cost of the electrification of the remainder of the South Wales mainline was at the point of the decision not to continue with electrification between Cardiff and Swansea, taken in 2017. At this time the cost of completion was estimated by Network Rail to be around £500 million.
- 2) The UK Government has not made any recent estimates of the cost of the electrification of the North Wales mainline.

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Yours sincerely,

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