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Dear Ms Milne

A83 Rest and Be Thankful

Thank you for your letter of 18 December to Keith Brown MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities, about the A83 trunk road at the Rest and Be Thankful. As this is an operational matter for Transport Scotland, your letter was passed to me for reply.

We are pleased to have representatives of Argyll and Bute Council working with us on the A83 Taskforce, which last met on 14 January. The Scottish Government is acutely aware of the importance of the A83 to the communities of Argyll and Bute and has already invested over £9 million on the A83 around the Rest and be Thankful as a clear sign of our intent to find solutions to keep the A83 open and operational.

At the Taskforce, the Minister for Transport and Islands announced that an additional £3 million is being invested by the Scottish Government on the A83 in the coming year. The extra money will be used to take forward landslide mitigation work in Glen Kinglas and road realignment works at Strone Point corner. The Minister also asked for further investigation into what extra measures could be carried out at the Rest and be Thankful to ensure continuity of access to Argyll and Bute.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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