

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2019**

Question

Will the Minister consider the methodology employed in the U.K. by the Institute for Public Policy Research in establishing per capita spending on public transport (both historic and planned), as evident from its most recent report, 'Transport Investment in the Northern Powerhouse – 2019 Update', and supply similar such information for Jersey on planned Government spending on transport per head of population?

Answer

The Institute for Public Policy and Research (IPPR) undertake their own analysis of the latest UK Nation Infrastructure and Construction Pipe Line spending projections for national infrastructure, produced by the UK Government's Infrastructure and Projects Authority (IPA).

The pipeline brings together planned and under construction national infrastructure projects and programmes, which are funded by a mix of Private, Public, and Private/Public investments. The pipeline contains projects and programmes across multiple-sectors and 14 UK regions. In terms of Transport, head line projects include priority rail projects, including High Speed 2, national roads, airports and ports, as well amalgamated local authority investment and regional city transport authorities, such as 'Transport for London'.

The IPA analysis does not provide an exhaustive view. It only includes investment that is currently captured in the pipeline; for example, the pipeline does not currently include all local authority infrastructure investment outside of London or investment in rolling stock by train operating companies.

The IPPR in their economic analysis 'Transport Investment in the Northern Powerhouse – 2019 Update', differ again and include capital spending only, not revenue, and in how they recognise national government investment, as opposed to local government. This is amongst other important differences, such as how they treat spending and projected overspends on trans-regional projects such as the HS2 rail project.

Having reviewed in outline the methodology, it is my opinion that would not appear to provide a useful indicator for the Jersey's transport investment and the effort required for its application to the Island's need would be disproportionate to benefit provided. However, I can confirm that the Government of Jersey continually reviews the performance measures used to improve its business management and provide meaningful information within the publications it makes.