

PE1428/E

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(by e mail)

Dear Ms Wilson

Scottish Ambulance Service response to Written Questions for PE1428

I am responding to your request for information relating to the questions posed to the Scottish Ambulance Service in the above petition. Please see the response below:

1. Rest and Be Thankful landslides

There have been a number of well documented landslides in recent years. Whenever one occurs and the road is closed, an additional 27 miles is added onto any vehicle journey. The Scottish Ambulance Service will usually have access through the area, however there can be congestion at diversions via service roads.

If a landslip on the A83 was to coincide with other traffic management programmes such as the planned roadworks on the A82 at Pulpit Rock, the transfer of patients from Argyll to Glasgow and Paisley would have to be managed via Cowal and the ferry network, which would add significantly to journey times, and the Scottish Air Ambulance Service.

2. Pinch points at Inverary

I am aware that this issue will be considered as part of the study that was announced by the Minister for Housing and Transport on 9 January 2012.

3. Crossing points at Ardrishaig and Tarbet

I am aware that this issue will be considered as part of the study that was announced by the Minister for Housing and Transport on 9 January 2012.

4. Trunking the A83 Kennacraig to Campbeltown

I am aware that Transport Scotland will review plans if any new information becomes available.

I would like to thank you for this opportunity to comment on the above and I hope that the information provided is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Pauline Howie
Chief Executive

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