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Dear Derek

In our earlier discussion, I promised to set out the funding available for the Mersey Gateway Bridge. The Department for Transport are providing funding over the spending review period to pay for the costs of purchasing the land required for this project. This funding is estimated to be around £80 million but of course is subject to negotiations with the existing land holders. The remaining costs for this project will be met through a combination of government funding and tolling income. A number of options for funding are being considered, including PFI funding. These costs are estimated to fall beyond this spending review period but DfT have asked Halton Borough Council for the latest cost estimate.

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Approved by the Chancellor and signed in his absence