

Parliamentary Questions

- To ask the Secretary of State for the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills what meetings took place after between May 2010 and June 2011 between Ministers at his department and Ministers at the Department for Transport to discuss the bids for the Thameslink Rolling Stock Project?
- To ask the Secretary of State for the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills whether UK industrial considerations played any part in the decision to award the Thameslink Rolling Stock Project?
- To ask the Secretary of State for the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills what advice Ministers and officials from his department gave to the Department for Transport from May 2010 and prior to Siemens being awarded the Thameslink Rolling Stock Project?
- To ask the Secretary of State for Transport for each individual criteria that his Department intended to use to assess bids for the Thameslink Rolling Stock Project as of 31 April 2008.
- Can the Secretary of State provide the weighting attached to the various criteria that the Department used to assess bids for the Thameslink Rolling Stock Project as of 31 April 2008.
- To ask the Secretary of State for Transport if any additional criteria were added to assess a) bidders and b) bids for the Thameslink Rolling Stock Project between 31 April 2008 and the announcement of preferred bidder in June 2011. If so, at what point were the criteria added and on what basis?
- To ask the Secretary of State for Transport if the weighting of any criteria were changed in their assessments of a) bidders and b) bids for the Thameslink Rolling Stock Project between 31 April 2008 and the announcement of preferred bidder in June 2011. If so, at what point were the criteria changed and on what basis?
- To ask the Secretary of State for Transport to explain the purpose and scope of the review of the Thameslink Rolling Stock Project that he undertook upon his appointment in May 2010.
- To ask the Secretary of State for Transport what aspects of the Thameslink Rolling Stock Project were reviewed after his appointment in May 2010.
- To ask the Secretary of State for Transport if he requested that British jobs and the capability to manufacture trains in the UK were included in the review of the Thameslink Rolling Stock Project after his appointment in May 2010.
- To ask the Secretary of State for Transport what advice he requested or received between May 2010 and June 2011 from officials on mitigating UK job losses in the event that the Thameslink Rolling Stock contract went against Bombardier Transportation.

- To ask the Secretary of State for Transport what changes he requested to the Thameslink Rolling Stock Project following the review which he reported to the House on 25 November 2010
- To ask the Secretary of State for Transport approximately how many jobs will be created by the Thameslink Rolling Stock Project, what type of jobs they will be, are they permanent posts and when will the posts will come into service.
- To ask the Secretary of State for Transport to confirm that the preferred bidder for the Thameslink Rolling Stock Project was announced more than a year after his and the Minister of State's appointment and following a full review by the Coalition Government.
- To ask the Secretary of State for Transport how much his Department has spent on consultants to evaluate the Thameslink Rolling Stock Project to date.
- To ask the Secretary of State for Transport whether he or his officials delayed the announcement of the Preferred Bidder for the Thameslink Rolling Stock Contract following the review which he reported to the House on 25 November 2010 and – if so – for what reason.