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**To:** Stewart Stevenson MSP, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change, Scottish Government

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Dear Mr Stevenson

## **“Record” cycling investment in Scotland 2008/09**

You will be aware of the article, *Cycling groups attack freeze on annual spending*, in the Herald of 29 May, prompted by the Spokes annual survey and analysis of overall investment in cycling from all main sources.

Our survey and analysis have now been published in Spokes Bulletin 104, and I attach the relevant pages, 1, 4 and 5. The page 4 table shows the changes over recent years in the various main funding streams contributing to cycle investment in Scotland.

Whilst there can be debate over the detail of the figures, the overall position is in our view quite clear, showing that cycling investment in Scotland in 08/09 fell significantly as compared to 07/08, and may well fall further in the current financial year 09/10.

However, in the final paragraph of the Herald article the Scottish Government states that there is “record” investment in cycling in Scotland. That is directly contrary to our analysis.

We would therefore be grateful if you would write to us either to justify this claim or to withdraw it.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely

Dave du Feu  
for Spokes

*Attached: Spokes 2008/09 Scottish cycling investment analysis, survey, and summary article - pages 1, 4 and 5 of Spokes Bulletin no.104.*