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RE: DfT response to PRTF's 20 Year Plan 'Closing the Gap'

Following the long-awaited official Government response to the 20 Year Plan 'Closing the Gap', PRTF Chair Councillor Geoff Brown said:

"Whilst we are pleased to see resilience at Dawlish as the Government's number one priority, after submitting the 20 Year Plan 'Closing the Gap' some 15 months ago we are disappointed with the level of detail contained within the response.

"We had hoped that the Government would outline a detailed programme, bringing much needed resilience to the rail network in the South West, instead we have a response that lacks a detailed action plan and firm commitment to funding.

"The amount of investment we are requesting for the South West rail network is small when compared to elsewhere in the country, yet everyday that passes without investment, our rail line and the South West's economy remains at risk."

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