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Mr Jonathan Djanogly (Huntingdon) Party: Conservative

278N To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the development and financing proposals are for the new A14 road. **[166315]**

279N To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when proposals for tolling of the new A14 will be announced. **[166316]**

280N To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when it is proposed that the planning process for the construction of the new A14 will (a) commence and (b) be completed. **[166317]**

281N To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when the contractors for the new A14 will be appointed. **[166318]**

Stephen Hammond

When we announced the A14 major scheme in July 2012 we said that it would involve tolling, a local contribution and, subject to Spending Review decisions, central government funding. That remains our position and the Chief Secretary to the Treasury confirmed the government funding element in his speech on 27 June 2013.

The Chief Secretary to the Treasury also announced that we will be bringing forward the planned start by almost two years. This means that construction could begin in 2016, subject to completion of statutory processes.

The Highways Agency is planning a consultation this year on the A14 proposals in line with a programme to submit a Development Consent Order application in the second half of 2014. This consultation will set out the tolling proposal and the scheme options and will inform the option that is taken through the Development Consent Order process. We will provide a firmer timetable for delivery, including when contractors are likely to be appointed, in the autumn.