Tram inquiry moves along towards final report

Lord Hardie issued warning letters relating to his report into the Trams Project in Edinburgh earlier this week.

He has informed recipients of the letters that if they wish to respond, the response must be received by the Inquiry no later than 5 pm on Friday 2 December 2022. This is to allow any witnesses the right of reply against potential criticism in the report which will be finalised when all responses have been received and considered.

The tram inquiry instructed by then First Minister, the Rt Hon Alex Salmond, began eight years ago and so far has cost more than £13 million.

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"This report is long overdue at a substantial cost to the publicans I welcome receiving early notification of the report."

It is nearly five years since the inquiry finished taking

evidence from witnesses. All evidence is available on the Inquiry website here.

The continuation or completion of the tramline, depending on your view, is due to open to the public in spring 2023.

The tram service in the capital was <u>opened</u> to the public in May 2014.





Trams under construction in 2011