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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for sending your Report on the Prevention of Future Deaths dated 25 July 2025 relating to the death of Robert Gray English on 19 May 2024, who was electrocuted on a section of track between Hendon Central Station and Burnt Oak Underground.

Any death on the transport network is a tragedy. We look to the relevant operators to ensure that they have systems in place to protect staff, travellers and the wider public, in line with their duties under the Health and Safety at Work Act (etc.) 1974 as well as the Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems Regulations 2006 (as amended). These latter regulations provide the regulatory regime for rail safety, including the mainline railway, metros (including London Underground), tramways, light rail and heritage railways. They require operators to comply with relevant safety, operational and technical standards before operators can apply for safety authorisation or safety certification to use vehicles or infrastructure on the railway.

Transport for London (TfL) are wholly responsible for the operational safety of the London Underground network, and I understand that they have now responded to you, setting out how they are addressing the findings of your report. I understand that the actions TfL are taking will be implemented rapidly, which reflects the seriousness with which they take their responsibilities.

Yours sincerely,

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