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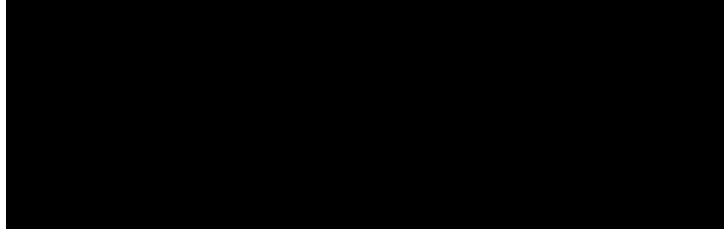
Dear Mr Irvine,

Thank you for sending your Report on the Prevention of Future Deaths dated 29 December 2026 relating to the death of Mr Brian Mitchell on 26 December 2026, who was fatally struck by a Jubilee Line train at Stratford Station.

Any death on the transport network is a tragedy, and I express my sincere condolences to Mr Mitchell's family for their loss. Whilst a likely contributory factor to Brian's death was alcohol intoxication, the fact that three separate train operators failed to notice him on the tracks is extremely serious and lessons must be learnt. Relevant transport operators need 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. London Underground Ltd, as the safety duty holder in this case, is wholly responsible for the operational safety of the London Underground network. It is accountable for this to Transport for London and, ultimately, to the Mayor of London. I understand that TfL is in the process of responding to you, setting out how it is addressing the findings of your report, which reflects the seriousness with which it takes its responsibilities.

We will ensure through ORR that lessons are disseminated to the wider railway industry, to the extent to which it's relevant.

Yours sincerely,



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