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Your Ref:
Our Ref: **DRD/SUB/238/2009**
Date: **26 March 2009**

Dear Mervyn,

I refer to my recent answer to your Assembly Oral Question AQO 2235/09, in which I provided an update on the dualling of the A26.

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Is mise le meas,

Conor.

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REVISED REPLY TO AQO 2235/09**DATE ANSWERED: MONDAY 9 MARCH 2009**

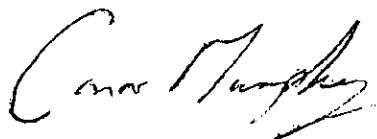
Mr Mervyn Storey (North Antrim): To ask the Minister for Regional Development for an update on the dualling of the A26.

CONOR MURPHY

My Department's Roads Service is progressing plans for the provision of a 7 km stretch of dual carriageway on the A26, between Glarryford and the A44 Drones Road. This is one of the major projects included in the ten year Investment Delivery Plan for Roads.

In August 2008, I announced the preferred route, which closely follows the existing corridor. The route is currently being taken through the final stage of the scheme assessment process. This will culminate in the publication of an Environmental Statement and draft Orders, for planning and land acquisition, which I would anticipate occurring during the 2010/11 financial year.

It is anticipated that construction will commence in the latter part of the Investment Delivery Plan period.

Signed:**Date:**

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