

Monday 24 January 2021

Dear First Minister

It has been an absolute privilege to serve as a Minister in your government, firstly as Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans and latterly, as Minister for Transport. I will forever be appreciative of having had these opportunities to support you in your role as First Minister.

As you know, I have always prided myself on being able to give 100% to any task I am charged with.

Regrettably, despite my continuing passion for it, I find myself unable now to give this hugely important ministerial role everything it rightly requires and deserves.

It is therefore with regret that I am writing to resign from office as Minister for Transport in the Scottish Government.

This is entirely for personal reasons relating to my health and wellbeing.

I regret the inconvenience this will cause you and my colleagues in the government, while we seek to recover from the pandemic.

I know that I am leaving the role at an exciting time as we take forward our Mission Zero ambition for transport as part of the work to make Scotland a Net Zero Nation by 2045.

I hope that in some small way, I have managed to contribute towards that agenda, and more generally to furthering our shared, wider ambitions for Scotland.

It has been the honour of my life to serve you, to serve in an SNP government, and to serve Scotland as a Minister.

In the immediate future, I intend to focus on improving my health and wellbeing and on giving more attention to my family, while also continuing as MSP for Angus South to serve the needs and interests of the people of the constituency. Please also be assured of my commitment to support the government's work and priorities as a member of the SNP parliamentary group.

Yours, Aye for Scotland

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graeme Dey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Graeme Dey