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Boosting Businesses

How the Government is supporting the freight sector



We're making competition fairer for UK hauliers

We introduced the HGV levy in April 2014 to help ensure that UK operators are not operating at a disadvantage to foreign hauliers

Over 90% of non-UK hauliers will pay £1,000 per year but 94% of UK hauliers won't pay anything extra



We've introduced lower duty on standard diesel

Saving around £21,000 for a haulier between 2010-2015/16





We're investing a further £17bn in motorways and major A roads from 2015

We've approved the setting up of two schemes, in London and Kent, to reduce the inconvenience and expense of delays caused by road works.

We've introduced tougher penalities for **utility companies** who take too long to complete road works



400 authorised testing facilities

for commercial vehicles now open across many locations in Great Britain





We're investing in roads

£3.3bn investment in major road schemes up to 2015

This includes: 10 major upgrades already completed (including M4 and M62 widening). Improvements to M25, M6 and other key roads now under construction

8 more schemes

to start construction by March 2015





We've saved you time and money

21,000 workers no longer need to inform DVLA twice when changing address

76,000 mechanics and valets no longer have to pay for professional driver training

It is still **free** for commercial drivers to renew their vocational entitlement