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The substantial structural deficit means that the Government is facing increasing pressure to cut costs. Amongst the many items of public expenditure, the transport budget is likely to face some of the most substantial cuts in the years to come. Leaked reports suggest that cuts may **total £29 billion over a ten-year period**.¹ In this context, politicians will have to make tough choices and set priorities in order to effectively allocate scarce transport funding.

Key points

♂ In the year 2007-08 spending on rail was £8.2 billion and total road spending was £8.3 billion

~~ During the same period total passenger km was 59 billion for rail and 749 billion for road

This meant total spending per 1000 passenger km was £138.7 for rail and £11.1 for road. Therefore rail transport received 10 times more spending per passenger km compared to road transport

 \forall There was a similar pattern in **freight transport**, where **rail received eight times more** spending per tonne kilometre

Motorists **pay £30.3 billion** in Fuel Duty and Vehicle Excise Duty, **£18.4 billion more** than the combined total **cost of road transport greenhouse gas emissions** and **road spending**.

For the full Joint report and media responses to it's conclusions go to ... http://www.taxpayersalliance.com/transportspending.pdf

The PPP comments ... We reported the major drop in expenditure on roads both revenue and capital in 2003. The fall started in 1998 and continues, together with the inexorable rise in anti-car pseudo charities and quangos. Enter roads into our News article search facility We also reported on the incompetent and corrupt management of Transport policy by John Prescott and the late Gwyneth Dunwoody to name but two.

The PPP believe that the whole population are 'Motorists' in the sense that they are either pilots or passengers in vehicles of one sort or another whether it be Bikes, Cars, PSVs, HGVs, ESVs. and all the numerous vans that provide goods and services to every corner of these Isles, AND we really need each other!