



This site uses cookies. By continuing to browse the site you agree to our use of cookies. [Find out more here.](#)

FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER 2012

TEXT SIZE

£1m spent on rail deal contractors

THE Government spent nearly £1 million outsourcing parts of the botched West Coast main line franchise to private contractors, a minister admitted.

Recommend 1
Tweet 2
0
Share

Transport Minister Simon Burns revealed the Government spent £490,810 employing consultants WS Atkins to write the advert for bidders, as well as advising officials on bids.

Civil servants then spent £439,000 employing lawyers Eversheds to draw up the advert and advising which firm should win the franchise, he said. A third firm, project consultancy outfit Faithful and Gould, were used in the process.

His comments came after a parliamentary question from Shadow Transport Secretary Maria Eagle.

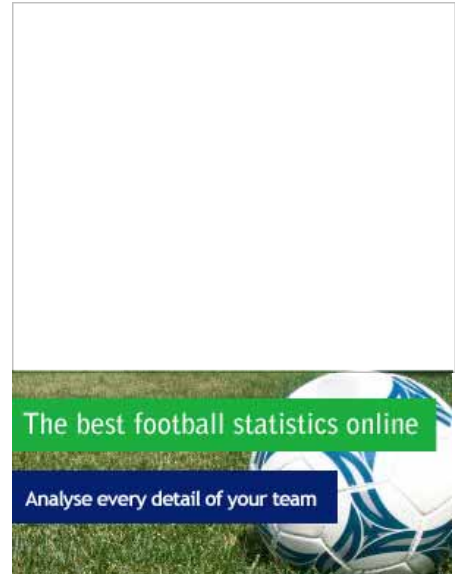
The collapse of the decision to award the deal to FirstGroup has already sparked two inquiries.

Recommend 1 Tweet 2 0 Share

What do you think?

[Please sign in to comment on this article](#)

Showing 0 comments



Most read Most commented

- ▶ Savile: the net widens
- ▶ Spiers on Sport: Nou Camp proves Celtic's exciting potential
- ▶ Bruised Salmond denies lying as rows engulf SNP
- ▶ 60,000 Americans told to drop plans to visit Scotland
- ▶ Spanish blow to Salmond's EU argument

Our News Services

- Mobile
- Apps and Kindle
- Newspaper
- Digital Editions
- Back Issues
- Online Archive
- Email, Twitter, RSS
- Syndication

Our Advertising Services

- Family Notices
- Book Your Newspaper Ad online
- Contact the Sales Team
- The Facts and Figures
- View Newspaper Ads
- Commercial Features

Our Personal Services

- Help, Feedback & Contact
- Dating
- Travel Services
- Photo Sales
- Crosswords & Sudoku

Our Colleagues

- Evening Times
- s1
- The Scottish Farmer
- Scottish Horse
- Newsquest Media Group

About Us

- Herald & Times Group
- Terms & Conditions
- Privacy Policy
- How We Use Cookies
- Employment