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It's been revealed that the **Scottish Government** has allocated nearly one and a half million pounds to Tarmac in a Freight Facilities Grant.

It was announced at the **Rail Freight Group's** Annual Scottish Conference today.

The fund, which is open to companies looking to move freight by the more sustainable modes of rail or water, will be used towards expanding rail operations at Tarmac's Dunbar cement plant.

Passengers in the South West will be breathing a sigh of relief after planned strikes next week were suspended.

The **RMT** said this was to allow for further talks to take place on Friday.

Several of the national papers are reporting that new orders across the construction industry rose at the fastest pace for more than four years in February.

The Daily Telegraph says a wave of contracts for the HS2 rail link has helped push builders back into growth for the first time in 10 months.

The **IHS Markit**/CIPS purchasing managers' index jumped from 48.4 in January to 52.6.

The Times features an article saying China was still interested in **HS2**

However, a high-profile letter allegedly offering to build the line in five years was a fake.

Women fleeing domestic abuse can now apply for free train travel to refuge accommodation.

This is through Women's Aid's new 'rail to refuge' scheme, supported by **Southeastern** and **Great Western Railway**.

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