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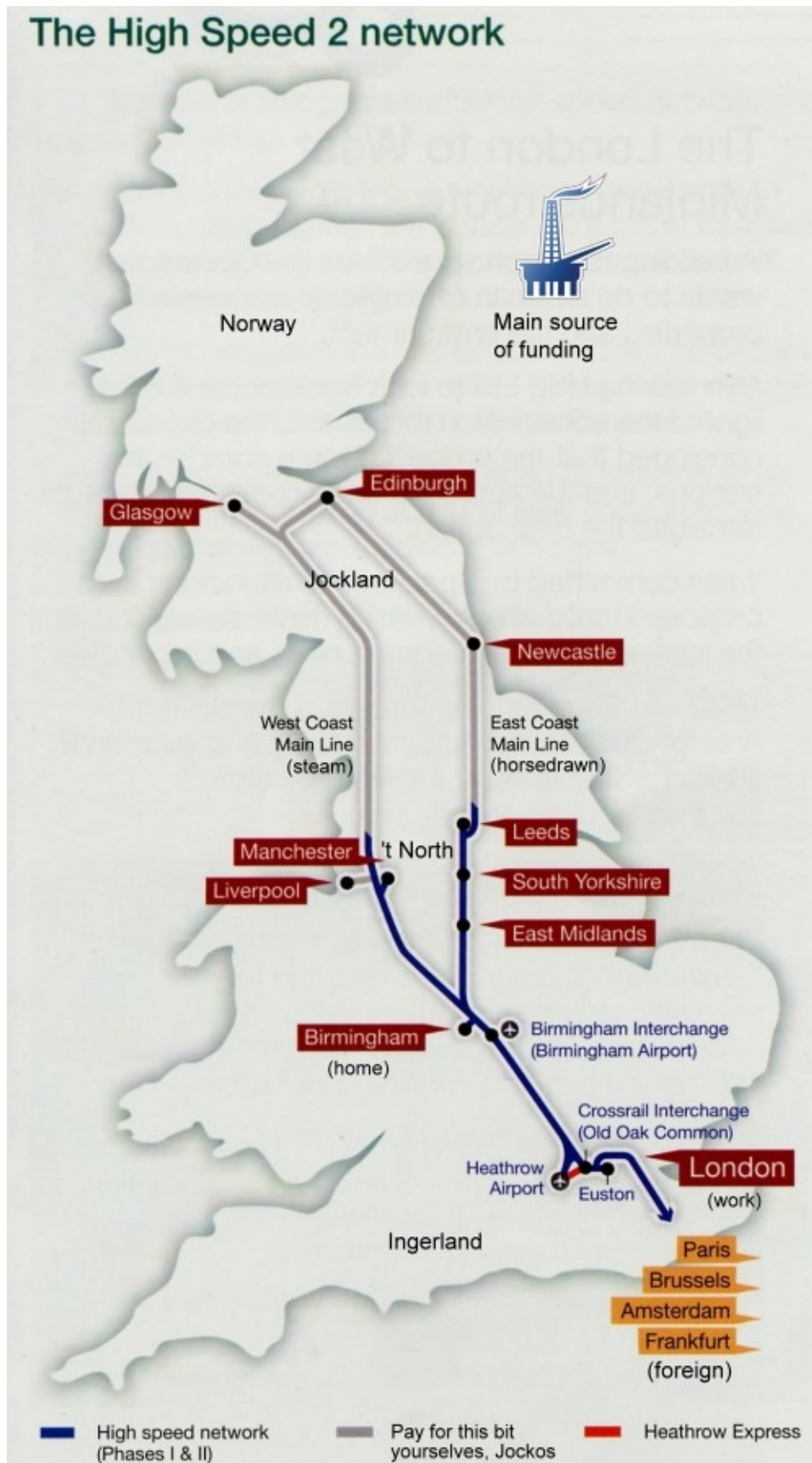
This week saw Westminster Transport Minister Baroness Kramer come north of the border to meet with newly-minted Secretary of State for Scotland, Alistair Carmichael.

Unusually, and in stark contrast to the recent train of colleagues which preceded her, she came not to tell Scots what we are unable to do but rather to tell us what we are very much able to do – that is help pay for the new Breakneck Speed 2 train service from London to Birmingham.

While chatting with Mr Carmichael, she let it be known that a new UK government report was being drawn up which would show how Scotland will benefit from **BS2** to the tune of £3 billion per annum, beginning as early as AD 2345.

This revelation follows the publication of the 125th iteration of the business case for **BS2**, which shows cutting the train journey from Birmingham to London by several actual minutes is actually a really really good thing and well worth all the money it is going to cost.

Speaking after the chat, Mr Carmichaelmoore told this channel, "**BS2** is a fantastic project which Scotlandshire should be proud to support.



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