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Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee
Senedd Cymru
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Dear Llyr,

Thank you for your consideration of the Bus Services (Wales) Bill during Stage 2 proceedings on 22 October.

Prior to Stage 3 proceedings on 2 December, for clarity I wanted to summarise the commitments I gave during the meeting on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales in relation to certain matters raised during Stage 2 proceedings.

Additional Objective – Access to Public Services, including Education and Healthcare:

The Cabinet Secretary will consider an additional objective to include under section 4 of the Bill, relating to non-government amendments 25 and 55, as well as some broader matters raised relating to accessibility. This would reflect our commitment to ensure that in the delivery of functions under the Bill, the Welsh Ministers will be required to take into account facilitating access to key public services, including education and healthcare. We intend to seek the views of Members on the substance of that objective as soon as possible so that they can inform the development of a draft amendment.

Delivery of the Welsh Bus Network Plan:

As agreed during Stage 2 proceedings, the Cabinet Secretary also intends to engage with Members in relation to the withdrawn amendments 61 and 63 which sought to require the Welsh Ministers to lay before the Senedd a financial assessment relating to the delivery of the Welsh Bus Network Plan. We intend to seek clarification from the relevant Members as to their intent in relation to these amendments in order to take a view on whether an amendment is appropriate or necessary.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

To note, we will shortly write to the Finance Committee to outline the updates made to the Regulatory Impact Assessment following their recommendations.

Local authority consultation:

Finally, with regard to the proposed amendments relating to a Passenger Charter/Forum, whilst we are of the view that it is not necessary to make statutory provision in respect of a charter, we recognise the intent behind these two amendments presents an opportunity to consider an alternative amendment around accessibility and inclusion through public engagement. The Cabinet Secretary intends to share a draft with the relevant Members in advance of tabling.

I want to thank the Committee once again for their time; the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales will be engaging with the relevant Members on the matters I've outlined above.

Yours sincerely,



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