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Dear David

Thank you for your letter of 15 August regarding Petition P-05-835 Allow Free Movement of Taxi Drivers to Carry Out Private Hire Work Anywhere in Wales.

The Cardiff licensing authority is the only authority in Wales that has imposed a quantity restriction in relation to hackney licences. No such quantity restrictions apply to private hire vehicles in Cardiff.

My officials have been working with the sector and licensing authorities to develop proposals that will work for Wales.

It is my intention to publish a White Paper this year that will set out detailed proposals for the reform of taxi and private hire vehicle licensing in Wales. Whilst my proposals will include new measures to limit out of area working, I will be including arrangements to improve out of area working where it is prudent and appropriate to do so. One such example will be the need to increase capacity to meet increased demand when hosting major events.

I shall also set out arrangements for operators and their relationship with drivers that work with them to ensure that operators, their employees and drivers abide by the national standards for licensing that we will be seeking to introduce.

*Yours ever,
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