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The Welsh Government's youth discounted bus fare scheme – MyTravelPass

Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your letter dated 1 October 2019, which clarified a number of issues with regard to estimated journey data for 2018 – 19.

However, read in conjunction with previous evidence provided to the Public Accounts Committee, the response suggests that the number of 19–21 year olds holding passes decreased rather than increased between May and August 2019, with only 551 live passes in circulation for the 19 to 21 year old cohort at the start of August compared to the figure of 834 cited previously for mid-May.

There is no explanation provided for this difference in your letter, but the figures raise ongoing questions about the effectiveness of the Welsh Government's marketing efforts and aspirations for the scheme. However, we do note that there has been some further growth in the number of 16 to 18 year olds holding passes.

The Committee remained concerned about the progress that is being made in increasing uptake among 19 – 21 year olds and would like further explanation of the figures as well as any information about the Welsh Governments approach to marketing of the scheme.



I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee so that these issues may be considered alongside the budgeting for the scheme as part of that Committee's scrutiny of the Welsh Government's budget.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Ramsay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end of the name.

Nick Ramsay AM
Chair

