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*Dear Janet,*

Thank you for your letter of 11 October regarding petition P-05-899 Buses for people not for profit.

The Public Transport (Wales) Bill, now called the Buses (Wales) Bill, is a key part of wider reforms and will help us to achieve our ambition of creating an integrated public transport network, planned and provided in the public interest, and which meets the needs of the travelling public.

The changes proposed in the Bill will seek to address some of the negative impacts of de-regulation on bus users, operators and authorities, by creating a number of tools which would assist local authorities with the planning and delivery of local bus services in their area. The tools will enable local authorities to intervene by, for example, introducing franchising schemes or deliver local services directly should they choose to do so. The changes proposed in the Bill will provide the Welsh Government and local authorities with the tools needed to drive change.

For further information on the Bill and the wider bus reform agenda, please refer to my written statement [here https://gov.wales/written-statement-update-public-transport-wales-bill-and-wider-bus-reform-agenda](https://gov.wales/written-statement-update-public-transport-wales-bill-and-wider-bus-reform-agenda).

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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.

My officials are working closely with Legal Services and the Office of Legislative Counsel (OLC) to progress this work in line with the timetable requirements for introduction in year 4 of the current legislative programme.

*Yours ever,*  


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