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Dear Llyr,

The Minister for Finance and Trefnydd was asked at the Finance Committee on 18 December 2019 to clarify how the Ultra Low Emission Transformation Fund will be used and specifically where new buses will be located. I have been asked to respond, as this falls under my portfolio.

The scope of the £29m fund covers a number of areas including:

- Provision of electric vehicle charging infrastructure for taxi and private hire vehicles
- Electric vehicle charging hubs – focused on urban areas with potential to support a wide variety of electric vehicle charging needs
- Provision of Green Fleet (buses and taxis)

Guidance has been issued to local authorities to request they put forward proposals for 2020/21 on how they would like to utilise the fund. Once we receive their proposals we will be in a better position to work with local authorities, Transport for Wales and public transport operators to target the Fund in a way that makes best use of public money.

I expect the major element of the Fund will be allocated towards introducing charging infrastructure. However, if we are to spend on public transport fleet, it will be important we overcome any State Aid issues, as well as ensuring our intervention is not to replace private sector investment.

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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.

My officials are currently exploring the best way to administer the Financial Transaction funding element (£7.5m of the Fund) for electric vehicle transformation with partners including the Development Bank.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken', with a long, sweeping flourish above the letters.

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