

Llyr Gruffydd MS

Chair, Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee

3 February 2025

Dear Llyr,

Protocol to the Interbus Agreement concerning the international carriage of passengers by coach and bus

As you are aware, the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee is responsible for monitoring the implementation of non-trade international agreements in the Sixth Senedd.

During our meeting on 6 January 2025, we considered the Protocol to the Interbus Agreement concerning the international carriage of passengers by coach and bus. The purpose of this Protocol is to extend the Interbus Agreement from covering international 'occasional services' to also include market access provisions for international 'regular and special regular' services by bus and coach.

As the UK Government's ratification of this agreement is an international obligation under the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement ("TCA"), and the agreement may impact on bus/coach operators in Wales, we agreed to notify your Committee of the agreement and its implementing legislation, particularly in light of its participation in the cross-committee consultation on the TCA implementation review.



Our latest report, which was laid on 21 January 2025, is available [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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Mike Hedges

Chair

