

P-05-748 School Buses for School Children, Correspondence – Petitioner to Committee, 28.06.19

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for contacting Ken Skates again on behalf of the petition, I think he is missing our point, each time he writes back it's around learner transport only, like I've pointed out not all Children are fortunate to be provided with learner transport, I do understand there are very different rule on these buses, if Ken Skates is happy to provide learner transport for all children then happy days, but that is not going to happen, which leaves us still with the problem I've raised, what about the safety of the Children who have to use public transport to travel back and forth between home and school, this is where the issues lie, no seatbelts, drivers do not have to be db check, children can legally be transported standing up, they do not legally all have to be seated. Is it ok then to transport those children lucky enough to have learner transport safer with tighter regulations then those children who are very unfortunate and have to use public buses to and from school, these children are ok to be transported like cattle with less regulations in place? Please see photos enclosed how school children are transported to and from school on non learner transport (public buses) to and from school. This is not acceptable and is completely compromising their safety.

(Photos taken in North Wales)