

# Consultation on changes to bus registration in Scotland



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## **CONSULTATION QUESTIONS**

**Question 1: do you agree with the proposal to extend the pre-registration notice period from 14 days to 28 days ?**

Yes  No

Only provided the registration period is reduced proportionately to 56 days and commercial confidentiality is maintained by the local authority

**Question 2: Do you agree with the proposal to replace the duty to inform the relevant authorities before making an application for registration with a duty to consult with the relevant authorities?**

Yes  No

Only provided the scope and timescale for consultation is precisely specified, and the relevant authorities are unable to delay the registration without operator consent

**Question 3: Do you agree that relevant authorities should be encouraged through guidance to draw potential concerns about new registrations to the attention of the traffic Commissioner for Scotland and/or Transport Scotland?**

Yes  No

Only provided concerns are restricted to those specified in the registration requirements, such as safety, congestion, or the ability of an operator to deliver the service as registered

**Question 4a: Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the period of registration from 56 days to 42 days? What difficulties (if any) do you consider such a change might present and how might these be addressed?**

Yes  No

Only provided Traveline can produce public information within the timescale. Prefer option 4b

**Question 4b: An alternative option would be to reduce the registration period from 56 days to 42 days only where Electronic Bus Service Registration (EBSR) is used. Do you agree with this?**

Yes  No

Yes, it would encourage all operators to adopt EBSR to the benefit of DVSA and Traveline, but may require a web portal for small operators

**Question 5: Do you agree that we should require operators to detail within registered hourly frequency bands any services that are registered as frequent services?**

Yes  No

This is unnecessary and disproportionate to any perceived benefit.

**Question 6: Do you agree that if the proposed changes set out above are adopted, they will improve the bus registration process in Scotland ?**

Yes  No

Stagecoach already consults with relevant local authorities, and we do not expect the proposals to change the outcome of any service proposals

**Question 7: It is possible that much of what is proposed above could be achieved through Guidance and/or a Code of Conduct to facilitate engagement between operators and relevant authorities rather than changes to the legislation. Do you have any views on this?**

Yes  No

Meaningful consultation requires willing partners. This is more likely to be achieved by Guidance or a Code of Conduct agreed between Government and the industry than by regulations