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Dear Sirs,

The following is my response to Q11 in the "Consultation on initiatives related to the ScotRail Franchise Extension".

I would like to ask you if you can see your way to instigate a concessionary fare on the railway similar to the free fare on the buses in the Far North? Because of the free concession on the buses for the over-60s (which has been welcomed and enjoyed by many), the railways are suffering to a certain extent. Further, many people would prefer to travel by train because it is safer and they can, if necessary, make use of the toilets on-board. However, the cost of the railway ticket puts many people off. I am not necessarily asking for a free fare on the railway but a further reduction would be beneficial.

I hope you will consider this proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Alastair C. Christie



## RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the details below and return it with your response. This will help ensure we handle your response appropriately. Thank you for your help.

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1. Are you responding: (please tick one box)
- |                                       |                                     |                         |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| (a) as an individual                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | go to Q2a/b and then Q4 |
| (b) on behalf of a group/organisation | <input type="checkbox"/>            | go to Q3 and then Q4    |

## INDIVIDUALS

- 2a. Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government website)?

Yes (go to 2b below) ☒

No, not at all ☐ We will treat your response as confidential

- 2b. Where **confidentiality is not requested**, we will make your response available to the public on the following basis (please tick one of the following boxes)

Yes, make my response, name and address all available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Yes, make my response available, but not my name or address	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address	<input type="checkbox"/>

## ON BEHALF OF GROUPS OR ORGANISATIONS:

3. The name and address of your organisation **will be** made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or on the Transport Scotland website). Are you also content for your response to be made available?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	We will treat your response as confidential

## SHARING RESPONSES/FUTURE ENGAGEMENT

4. We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for the Scottish Government to contact you again in the future in relation to this consultation response?

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>