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*Dear Sir,*

## **BUS SERVICES BILL – PLANS FOR SECONDARY LEGISLATION**

Thank you for your helpful contributions to the debates that we have been having on the Bus Services Bill. On Day 3 of Committee you referred to our plans for the development of secondary legislation, with particular reference to regulations made under sections 138F (10) and 138G (9). In June, we produced a set of Policy Scoping Notes, to inform debate on the regulation making powers in the Bill. In addition, we are conducting discussions with key stakeholders in order to inform the detailed content of all of the regulations associated with the Bill.

As the Bill is currently drafted, we plan to lay 20 statutory instruments so there are, therefore, 20 policy scoping notes and these have been consolidated into one document and published on the .GOV.UK website at:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/529584/the-bus-services-bill-policy-scoping-notes.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/529584/the-bus-services-bill-policy-scoping-notes.pdf)

For your convenience, I enclose a hard copy of this document.

It is our intention to continue to work on the secondary legislation and to publish draft regulations and guidance for formal consultation in October.

As you indicated in the debate, it is important that we learn lessons from previous legislation and get these regulations right, which requires working through the detail.

I hope that this reassures you on our approach to secondary legislation.

A copy of this letter has been placed in the Libraries of both Houses

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**LORD (TARIQ) AHMAD OF WIMBLEDON**