

Bus Subsidy Reform Consultation Response Form

Part 1 - Information about you

Name	
Address	
Postcode	
email	
Company Name or Organisation (if applicable)	
Please tick one box from the list below that best describes you /your company or organisation.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small to Medium bus operator (up to 50 employees)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Large bus operator
<input type="checkbox"/>	Representative Organisation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trade Union
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interest Group
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/>	Central Government
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member of the public
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please describe):
If you are responding on behalf of an organisation or interest group how many members do you have and how did you obtain the views of your members:	
If you would like your response or personal details to be treated confidentially please explain why:	

PART 2 - Your comments

1. Do you agree with how we propose to calculate the amounts to be devolved? If not, what alternative arrangements would you suggest should be used?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain your reasons and add any additional comments you wish to make :		

2. Do you think that an additional amount should be devolved where a commercial service is replaced by a tendered one?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain your reasons and add any additional comments you wish to make:		

3. Do you agree that it would be better for all the relevant funding to be devolved on a single date? Or, are transitional arrangements needed and, if so, what is the best way of doing this?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain your reasons and add any additional comments you wish to make:		

4. Do you agree that funding for incentives should not be devolved to local authorities until the further review of BSOG in 2014?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain your reasons and add any additional comments you wish to make:		

5. Do you agree that local transport authorities in areas with a Quality Contract Scheme should automatically receive the equivalent to BSOG funding?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain your reasons and add any additional comments you wish to make:		

6. Do you believe that there is a need to ringfence funding for an interim period? If so, what form do you think this ringfencing should take, and, in particular, how much flexibility should local authorities be given as to how to spend the devolved grant?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain your reasons and add any additional comments you wish to make:		

7. Should BSOG for both live and dead mileage be devolved?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain your reasons and add any additional comments you wish to make:		

8. Should BSOG for part services within a BBA be devolved?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain your reasons and add any additional comments you wish to make:		

9. Is the proposed method of calculating the BSOG in a BBA suitable?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain your reasons and add any additional comments you wish to make:		

10. Do you agree that the approach proposed to partnership within a BBA strikes the right balance between local transport authorities and bus operators?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain your reasons and add any additional comments you wish to make:		

11. Do you agree that any authority both developing a QCS and seeking BBA status should need to demonstrate the same standard of partnership working and support from local bus operators for the BBA bid as any other bidding authority?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain your reasons and add any additional comments you wish to make:		

12. Is this transitional period for phasing out BSOG sufficient?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain your reasons and add any additional comments you wish to make:		

13. Do you agree that each of the services listed in Section 4.66 should not be eligible for BSOG in future? If you do not agree, please explain why.	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain your reasons and add any additional comments you wish to make:		

14. Are there any other categories of service which are eligible for BSOG at present which you believe should not be eligible in future, and if so which are they?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain your reasons and add any additional comments you wish to make:		

15. Alternatively, are there any categories of service which are not eligible at present but which you think should be in future?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain your reasons and add any additional comments you wish to make:		

16. Should buses operating under a Section 19 permit continue to receive BSOG in BBAs where they are not run in-house by the local authority?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain your reasons and add any additional comments you wish to make:		