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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your Written Question: WQ88315 - How many bus routes have been identified by the Welsh Government as being commercially unviable once funding for the bus emergency scheme is stopped?

In my oral statement to the Senedd on 23 May I announced that Welsh Government will make £46 million available from bus budgets to support Bus Emergency Scheme (BES) and successor arrangements for the whole financial year, as well as to keep our strategic TrawsCymru services running.

Over the last few months Regional Network Planning Teams have met to plan and cost a network of bus services which can be delivered from 25 July as a part of the new Bus Transition Fund.

This new scheme will ensure that the majority of bus services across Wales will be protected from when the bus emergency scheme finishes on 24 July. Without the Bus Transition Fund we would have seen mass cancellations of bus services. However some services may change to reflect different travel patterns following the pandemic. As I set out in my [written statement](#) on 16 June I have already asked the Regional Planning Teams and TfW to prepare an overview of changes to services which are presently being worked through. This work will be done at pace so that any potential future network changes are communicated with as much notice as possible.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely

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