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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your Written Question: WQ88318 - What assessment has the Minister made of the expected costs of the proposed £1 cap on bus fares?

We have undertaken a great deal of detailed modelling work on different options to simplify and make bus travel more affordable in Wales. Options examined include capped fares, zonal ticketing, combined bus and rail fares and extensions to our discounted 'My Travel Pass' scheme for younger people.

Our ability to bring forward a comprehensive fares initiative has been delayed due to the need to provide continued financial support to local authorities and bus operators to maintain key bus services due to slow patronage recovery following the Covid pandemic. In the meantime we are closely monitoring low fare schemes where they have been introduced in other parts of the UK so that we can learn from which schemes are most successful and have the greatest impact.

Yours sincerely

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