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CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE

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Dear Transport Strategy and Coordination Team,

[PE2028: Extend the concessionary bus travel scheme to include people seeking asylum in Scotland](#)

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to extend the current Concessionary Travel Scheme to include all people seeking asylum in Scotland regardless of age.

The Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee considered the above petition at its meeting on 15 May 2024. At that meeting, the Committee agreed to write to Transport Scotland to seek an update on the work being undertaken to explore options for extending concessionary travel to people seeking asylum in Scotland.

The Committee would particularly welcome clarification on how the £2million budget allocation is being utilised, specifically how much of this funding will be directly used to fund a concessionary travel scheme or whether Transport Scotland are planning to use some of this funding for additional research and evaluation work.

The [Official Report](#) will be published by 6pm on 21 May 2024. A recording of the meeting is available to view [online](#).

The Committee would be grateful to receive your response electronically, in Word format, by no later than **Monday 17 June 2024**. Your response will be processed in accordance with the Parliament's [policy on the treatment of written evidence](#).

On behalf of the Committee, thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Carlaw', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jackson Carlaw MSP

Convener

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