

# **PE2116/E: Accelerate the implementation of bus franchising powers**

## **Law Society of Scotland written submission, 3 January 2025**

Thank you for your letter of 4 December 2024 regarding the above petition. You requested information on any work the Society has undertaken on the implementation of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019, specifically the powers related to bus franchising, and how the development and implementation of this legislation might differ from legislation being developed across the rest of the UK.

As far as I am aware, and having discussed with colleagues, the Society has not undertaken any work on the implementation of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019. This includes the powers related to bus franchising.

I am also not aware of the Society having undertaken any work on how the development and implementation of the 2019 Act might differ from legislation being developed across the rest of the UK.

The Society did engage with the Transport (Scotland) Bill during parliamentary scrutiny. Details of our engagement can be found on our website: [Transport \(Scotland\) Bill | Law Society of Scotland](#).

I hope that the above information is helpful to the Committee. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.