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Dear Patrick,

Thank you for your email of 28 May regarding a bus passengers survey and wider bus policy issues.

Whilst it is recognised a specific bus passenger survey has been carried out in England and Wales there are currently no plans to extend this to Scotland. It may be helpful to point out a survey covering a wide range of transport and travel is already carried out as part of the Scottish Household Survey (SHS). Further to the SHS are a set of Travel Diary questions asked (of 75% of those responding to the 'main' SHS) which collect information about respondents journeys the previous day to establish travel patterns and behaviours.

The most recent publications of these results can be found online at the following web addresses:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/08/31092528/0>.

<http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/strategy-and-research/publications-and-consultations/j205156-00.htm>

With regards to meeting with Transport Scotland officials please contact Mr Allan Crawford who would be happy to meet you to discuss issues of wider bus policy. You can contact Mr Crawford at Allan.Crawford@transportscotland.gsi.gov.uk to discuss this further.

Kind regards

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