**ADEPT: Parliamentary monitoring**

**January 2019**

This document is tailored to provide a monthly overview of key activity, debates, questions, reports, PMQs, speeches and bills relevant to the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport.

**Key dates:**

Recess:14 February - 25 February 2019 (CANCELLED)

Recess: Easter 4 April – 23 April 2019

No further recess dates announced

Spring Statement 13 March 2019

**Planning – Housing**

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**Industrial Strategy & Local Industrial Strategies**

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| 08/01/19 | Press Release | BEIS | Proposals to protect consumers whilst guaranteeing payments for households with solar by unlocking smarter energy system. More intelligent systems will help power the UK’s transition to a clean and affordable energy system – a key part of our modern Industrial Strategy. [Read here.](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/proposals-to-protect-consumers-whilst-guaranteeing-payments-for-households-with-solar-by-unlocking-smarter-energy-system)  |
| 14/01/18 | Written Q&A | BEIS | Small Businesses:Written question - [205876](https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-01-07/205876)Asked by [**David Simpson**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/commons/david-simpson/1597)To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what steps his Department is taking to help small businesses to grow. Answered by: [**Kelly Tolhurst**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/commons/kelly-tolhurst/4487)Through our modern Industrial Strategy, we are making the UK one of the best places in the world for businesses to start up and grow.The Government-owned British Business Bank is supporting nearly 78,000 small businesses with over £5.5 billion of finance; and we’ve extended funding for the Start Up Loans Company until 2021, supporting 10,000 more entrepreneurs.We’re also providing £56m of funding to boost business productivity, including £11m to create a Small Business Leadership Programme.Business across England can also access tailored advice and support through one of the 38 Local Growth Hubs, one in each Local Enterprise Partnership Area. These bring together public and private sector partners to deliver business support, making it easy for business to access the help and advice they need.We have launched the £9 million Business Basics Programme, as announced in the Industrial Strategy, to test innovative ways of encouraging SMEs to take up the good practices that can help them to become more productive.In addition, Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), drives productivity and growth by supporting businesses to realise the potential of new technologies, develop ideas and make them a commercial success. |
| 31/01/19 | Press release | Government Office for Science | UK at Forefront of Transport Innovation. Read here.  |
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**NPPF – Land value capture**

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**Energy – Local Authority projects**

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| 17/01/19 | Statistics | BEIS | RHI monthly deployment data: December 2018. [Read here.](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rhi-monthly-deployment-data-december-2018)  |
| 17/01/19 | Debate | HoC | **British Bioethanol Industry- summary.** Nic Dakin (Lab, Scunthorpe) began by asking the House to consider the future of the British bioethanol industry. Dakin suggested that the bioethanol industry was in a state of collapse and the Government needed to take urgent steps to secure the future of the industry. [Read here.](https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-01-16/debates/1BC31791-FD88-4C62-8B7F-CC5FEF28A85C/BritishBioethanolIndustry) |
| 24/01/19 | Corrospondence | HoC | Letter from Alex Chisholm, Permanent Under-Secretary of State (BEIS) to the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee on the renewable heat incentive in Great Britain. [Read here.](https://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons-committees/public-accounts/Correspondence/2017-19/Alex-Chisholm-PUS-RHI-Redacted-17-19.pdf) |

**Digital – broadband & mobile**

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**Economy – Fair funding review**

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**Transport – Investment strategy**

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**Transport – Major road network**

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| 11/01/19 | Oral Answer | DfT | Heathrow Third Runway: Highway VehiclesRuth Cadbury (Brentford and Isleworth) (Lab)8. What steps he plans to take to reduce a potential increase in highway vehicle trips resulting from a third runway at Heathrow airport. [[908479](https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2019-01-10/debates/A0EAD308-ADE8-45A1-B718-B21D35A0E48E/HeathrowThirdRunwayHighwayVehicles)] |
| 24/01/19 | Written Q&A | DfT | Roads: Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. [Read here.](https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-01-21/210514)  |
|  |  |  | Roads: Repairs and Maintenance:Written question - HL12903Asked by [**Baroness Randerson**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/lords/baroness-randerson/4230)To ask Her Majesty's Government whether the £420 million allocated for local highways maintenance in the 2018 Budget must be spent by local authorities by 31 March; whether there are any circumstances in which it can be rolled over into the following year; and how any unspent funding will be reallocated. Answered by: [**Baroness Sugg**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/lords/baroness-sugg/4584)It is the Government’s intention for the additional £420 million funding for 2018/19 for local highways maintenance capital funding as announced in the Budget 2018 to be utilised by end of this financial year. This funding is to support the repair of potholes, to keep local bridges and structures open and safe, and to aid other minor highway works that may be needed. It is for each highway authority to determine how this funding is used based on their own local assessments and requirements. |
| 14/01/19 | Debate | HoC | Oxford to Cambridge Expressway. Read here  |

**Transport – Sub-national Transport Boards (STBs) - (TfN, TfSE)**

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**Transport – Automated** **electric vehicle bills**

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**Transport – Rail**

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| 07/01/19 | Written Q&A | DfT | Railway Stations: Repairs and Maintenance:Written question - [204378](https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-12-20/204378)Asked by [**Dr David Drew**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/commons/dr-david-drew/252)Asked on: 20 December 2018To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many and which rail stations have (a) undertaken work in the last five years and (b) planned work within the next two years to improve access arrangements. Answered by: [**Andrew Jones**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/commons/andrew-jones/3996)Answered on: 07 January 2019Over the last five years a further 68 stations were added to the Department’s Access for All programme which provides an accessible route at selected stations. A further £300m has recently been made available to further extend the programme until at least 2024 and we will announce details of which stations will benefit from this in April. Details of individual Access for All projects are available on Network Rail’s website.This is in addition to access improvements delivered as part of other major projects, such as the 40 Crossrail stations which will be made accessible, and by the industry itself, which must meet current accessibility standards whenever it installs, replace or renews station infrastructure. Details of all of this work is held by the individual organisations and the details of the accessibility features available at all UK stations are published on the National Rail Enquiries website. |
| 08/01/19 | Written Q&A | DfT | High Speed 2 Railway Line:Written question - HL12503Asked by [**Lord Framlingham**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/lords/lord-framlingham/134)Asked on: 20 December 2018To ask Her Majesty's Government how many properties have been affected by HS2; and what is the total cost of compensation paid to the owners of those properties. Answered by: [**Baroness Sugg**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/lords/baroness-sugg/4584)Answered on: 08 January 2019Statutory compensation is payable to eligible businesses and residential owners where part, or all, of their land is directly affected by plans for HS2. A total of 1,357 properties are located in the direct footprint of the railway, railway infrastructure, or related works where statutory compensation is payable.The Government has introduced a comprehensive package of statutory and non-statutory schemes to support owners of properties impacted by HS2. As at 30 November 2018, at total of £1.95 billion has been paid under these schemes.The amount of compensation outstanding is dependent on the number of successful claims yet to be made across all three phases of HS2. |
| 09/01/19 | Oral Answer | DfT | Maggie Throup (Erewash) (Con) Prior to Royal Assent for phase 2b of High Speed 2, will my hon. Friend consider establishing a cross-departmental taskforce with the Department for Transport, to provide businesses that are being forced to relocate with the necessary advice and support, including financial support? [Read here](https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2019-01-08/debates/1F579CC8-CD80-49E2-B0EF-A3B3B8FB9868/TopicalQuestions).  |
| 09/01/19 | Policy Paper | DfT | **HS2 development agreement**Governs the relationship between the Secretary of State for Transport and HS2 Ltd. [Read here.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-development-agreement)  |
| 10/01/19 | Written Q&A | DfT | Railways:Written question - [205808](https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-01-07/205808)Asked by [**Joan Ryan**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/commons/joan-ryan/166)To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent progress his Department has made on implementation of the recommendations in the Strategic Vision for Rail. Answered by: [**Andrew Jones**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/commons/andrew-jones/3996)Since the publication of the Strategic Vision for Rail in November 2017 we have made significant progress on delivering our near term commitments. We are introducing alliancing through three current competitions on South Eastern, East Midlands and the West Coast Partnership. We are spending £47.9bn from 2019 to 2024 on our network.. We are working closely with Network Rail on its plans to devolve more authority to its routes to meet local customers’ needs. And we have delivered on our commitments to ensure that the railway provides modern customer services that passengers expect, such as the introduction of smart ticketing and the rail ombudsman.However, whilst we continue to work with industry to make sure that rail delivers day-to-day, and given the disruption caused to passengers by the introduction of the May 2018 timetable, it is clear we need transformational changes to meet future demands. That is why we have launched the Rail Review which will build on the work of the Strategic Vision and consider ambitious recommendations for reform, to ensure our vital rail system benefits passengers and freight and supports a stronger and fairer economy. |
| 10/01/19 | Written Q&A | DfT | Railways: Overcrowding:Written question - [205964](https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-01-07/205964)Asked by [**Jo Stevens**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/commons/jo-stevens/4425)To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his Department has made of trends in the number and proportion of trains running over capacity in the last five years; and if he will make a statement. Answered by: [**Andrew Jones**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/commons/andrew-jones/3996)Capacity provided by franchised rail operators is monitored by the DfT through a regular series of passenger counts at a number of major city centre stations. The results enable the DfT to liaise with operators where capacity problems are identified, and to ensure that potential solutions are investigated.It is for the rail industry to plan to fully deploy available rolling stock to best meet passenger demand, and take all reasonable steps to minimise any crowding.Rail crowding statistics published by the Department for Transport provides information on passenger crowding into major city centres, based on a typical autumn weekday. The table below presents the percentage of standard class passengers in excess of the capacity (PiXC) on their train service across the morning peak (07:00 to 09:59) and evening peak (16:00 to 18:59) into major city centres.**Passengers in excess of capacity (PiXC) on a typical autumn weekday across fourteen major cities in England and Wales**

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|  | **2017** | **2016** | **2015** | **2014** | **2013** |
| **Total for all major cities** | 3.5% | 3.8% | 3.8% | 3.5% | 2.6% |

Further information is provided in the following online table:[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/728189/rai0209.ods](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/728189/rai0209.ods%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)This table is part of an annual statistics publication on passenger numbers and crowding in major city centres in England and Wales, which can be found here:[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/728526/rail-passengers-crowding-2017.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/728526/rail-passengers-crowding-2017.pdf%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) |
| 10/01/19 | Written Q&A | DfT | Thameslink, Southern and Great Northern Rail Franchise:Written question - [205810](https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-01-07/205810)Asked by [**Joan Ryan**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/commons/joan-ryan/166)To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will direct Govia Thameslink to share the data required by Transport for London to be able to compile a business case for becoming the franchising authority for Great Northern services operating in and out of Moorgate station. Answered by: [**Andrew Jones**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/commons/andrew-jones/3996)The Department remains committed to working with Transport for London (TfL) to consider options for the devolution of the Moorgate line. We will always seek to devolve the responsibility for decisions where there is a case for doing so that will benefit all passengers.I understand the need for GTR to share data with TfL so that they can prepare for the possible devolution of the Moorgate line in good time. However, GTR are focusing on delivering the complete benefits of the Thameslink Programme and this still has a way to go. This means that there is not yet a steady state operational model, and major change continues. As a result, much of the information that TfL will need access to cannot be shared yet as it is still subject to significant change. |
| 11/01/19 | Oral answers | DfT | **Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport) (Lab/Co-op)****CrossCountry Rail Franchise**: Whether the next CrossCountry rail franchise will include a requirement to purchase new rolling stock. [908476]. [Read here.](https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2019-01-10/debates/C897294F-7331-459E-A5F2-B2DF79C3F26E/CrosscountryRailFranchise)  |
| 11/01/19 | Oral answers | DfT | Mary Creagh (Wakefield) (Lab) Rail Travel: Affordability7. What recent assessment he has made of the affordability of rail travel. [[908478](https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2019-01-10/debates/E9C4A479-ACAB-4849-A40D-5D34E74FFE76/RailTravelAffordability)] |
| 11/01/19 | Oral answers | DfT | Rail Electrification: Christian Matheson (City of Chester) (Lab)11. What recent discussions he has had with Network Rail and train operating companies on plans to extend the electrified rail network. [[908482](https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2019-01-10/debates/7DEB56D3-638C-44E0-B6FF-BE5C28F2BCF8/RailElectrification)] |
| 14/01/19 | Written Q&A | DfT | High Speed 2 Railway Line:Written question - [206029](https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-01-07/206029)Asked by [**Lee Rowley**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/commons/lee-rowley/4652)To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the HS2 compensation scheme can be extended to include tenants of properties affected by construction of the line. Answered by: [**Ms Nusrat Ghani**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/commons/ms-nusrat-ghani/4460)Along with the power to compulsorily acquire land for HS2, there is an obligation on the Secretary of State to pay full and fair compensation. Tenants who are directly displaced by the HS2 project by the compulsory purchase of land may be eligible to receive statutory compensation comprising:* The lease value - if a property is governed by a lease, the lease will have a diminishing value depending on how close it is to the date on which the lease expires. Generally a short tenancy – an assured shorthold tenancy running for a year or a periodic tenancy running from a year to a year – will have little compensable value.
* Home loss payment - the compensation framework guarantees that however short a tenant’s lease is, they will receive, if they are displaced by virtue of compulsory purchase, a minimum of what is currently £6,300, by way of a home loss payment.
* Disturbance - where a tenant is required to give up their tenancy by virtue of compulsory purchase and they incur moving costs, they are entitled to recover those disturbance costs as part of their compensation claim.
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| 15/01/19 | Press Release | HS2 | First tower crane arrives as HS2 prepares to demolish Euston towers. [Read here.](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/first-tower-crane-arrives-as-hs2-prepares-to-demolish-euston-towers)  |
| 15/01/19 | Written Q&A | DfT | High Speed Two: Disclosure of Information:Written question – [205986](https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-01-07/205986)Asked by [**Antoinette Sandbach**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/commons/antoinette-sandbach/4506)To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, which local authorities have entered into non-disclosure agreements with High Speed Two Limited. Answered by: Ms Nusrat Ghani Answered on: 15 January 2019HS2 Ltd has entered into non-disclosure agreements – also known as confidentiality agreements - with a number of local authorities to enable the sharing of confidential or commercially sensitive information in connection with the delivery of HS2.Disclosure concerning those agreements is subject to obligations of confidentiality but, to the extent I can identify local authorities, the following have entered into such agreements:Solihull Metropolitan Borough CouncilWarwickshire County CouncilStaffordshire County CouncilLichfield District CouncilStafford Borough CouncilCheshire East CouncilShropshire CouncilBolsover District CouncilErewash Borough CouncilTrafford Borough CouncilCheshire East CouncilNottingham City CouncilNorth East Derbyshire District CouncilBolsover District CouncilRushcliffe Borough CouncilNorth Yorkshire County CouncilDoncaster Borough CouncilRotherham Metropolitan Borough CouncilChesterfield Borough CouncilLeeds City CouncilCouncil of the City of WakefieldBarnsley Metropolitan Borough councilNorth West Leicestershire District CouncilNottinghamshire County CouncilCheshire West & Chester CouncilWarwickshire County CouncilTamworth Borough CouncilNewcastle Under Lyme Borough CouncilStoke City Council;Warrington Borough Council; andDerbyshire County Council |
| 16/01/19 | Written Q&A | DfT | High Speed 2 Railway Line:Written question - [206430](https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-01-08/206430)Asked by [**Antoinette Sandbach**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/commons/antoinette-sandbach/4506)To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the timeframe is for the publication on the High Speed Two website of statistics on applications received for the High Speed Two (a) phase one and (b) phase two (i) Exceptional Hardship Scheme and (ii) Need to Sell Scheme up to 30 November 2018. Answered by: [**Ms Nusrat Ghani**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/commons/ms-nusrat-ghani/4460)Answered on: 16 January 2019This information was placed on the HS2 website on 09/01/19 and can be viewed here:[https://www.hs2.org.uk/documents/collections/hs2-exceptional-hardship-scheme-hs2-need-sell-scheme-applications-statistics/](https://www.hs2.org.uk/documents/collections/hs2-exceptional-hardship-scheme-hs2-need-sell-scheme-applications-statistics/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) |
| 17/01/19 | Press Release | Network Rail | **Final multi-million-pound contracts awarded to deliver rail projects in Scotland and North East.** [**Read here**](https://www.networkrailmediacentre.co.uk/news/final-multi-million-pound-contracts-awarded-to-deliver-rail-projects-in-scotland-and-north-east)**.**  |
| 17/01/19 | Debate | HoC | Rail Infrastructure Investment. That this House has considered the Fourth Report of the Transport Committee, Rail infrastructure investment, HC 582, and the Government response, HC 1557.[Read here.](https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-01-17/debates/E2641D59-83D4-41B1-B76D-CE28D22DC478/RailInfrastructureInvestment) |
| 17/01/19 | Debate | HoL | **Railway Services: The Pennines.** Lord GreavesTo ask Her Majesty’s Government what progress they have made on the improvement and enhancement of railway services across the Pennines**.**[**Read here**](https://hansard.parliament.uk/Lords/2019-01-17/debates/C414E30C-0053-4997-95CC-CFF9B081F64C/RailwayServicesThePennines)**.** |
| 18/01/19 | Debate | DfT | Rail Infrastructure Investment. [Read here.](https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-01-17/debates/E2641D59-83D4-41B1-B76D-CE28D22DC478/RailInfrastructureInvestment)  |
| 21/01/19 | Written Q&A | DfT | Rolling Stock: Procurement:Written question - [208286](https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-01-14/208286)Asked by [**Andy McDonald**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/commons/andy-mcdonald/4269)To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans his Department has for the onward cascade and transfer of rolling stock between train operators in the event that there are delays to the delivery and introduction of new trains. Answered by: [**Andrew Jones**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/commons/andrew-jones/3996)The Franchise Agreement has clauses to support the sensible cascade out of rolling stock if there is a delay in new trains. We would expect the current operators of the rolling stock to resolve satisfactorily in discussion with the owners and the future operators of the rolling stock. |
| 21/01/19 | Press Release | RIA | RIA responds to Williams Rail Review. [Read here.](https://www.riagb.org.uk/RIA/Newsroom/Press_Releases/Williams_Rail_Review.aspx)  |
| 22/01/19 | Written Q&A | DfT | Railways: Tickets:Written question - [208289](https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-01-14/208289)Asked by [**Andy McDonald**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/commons/andy-mcdonald/4269)To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, (a) how much his Department has spent and (b) what progress his Department has made on the introduction of smart ticketing technology across the railway in (a) 2016 (b) 2017 and (c) 2018. Answered by: [**Andrew Jones**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/commons/andrew-jones/3996)In 2017 we set a goal of securing smart ticketing across almost all of our rail network by 2018. As a result of our £80 million investment in smart ticketing nationally and the first phase of the £150m investment in Transport for the North’s multi-modal programme, passengers can now obtain a smart card or barcode ticket across almost all of the rail network. |
| 23/01/19 | Papers | HoC | **Crossrail 2.** This paper provides information on the proposed Crossrail 2 project, including the latest information around its funding and expected timeline for completion. [Read here](https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-8481).  |
| 23/01/19 | Oral answer | HoL | Railways: Reliability. [Read here.](https://app.dodsinformation.com/ui/app/index.html#/document/view/ab8abb38045f45afadb5c624cbdd104e)  |
| 24/01/19 | Speech | DfT | DfT: Chris Grayling speech on HS2. [Read here](https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/securing-hs2-for-the-midlands-and-north).  |
| 25/01/19 | Press Release | DfT | Grayling and Burnham hail Greater Manchester tram network as model for new opportunities. [Read here](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/grayling-and-burnham-hail-greater-manchester-tram-network-as-model-for-new-opportunities).  |
| 29/01/19 | Corrospondence | Public Accounts Committee | Correspondence from Permanent Secretary at the Department for Transport Bernadette Kelly to Chair of the Public Accounts Meg Hillier on the East Coast Main Line. Read here.  |
| 31/01/19 | Press Release | DfT | Carbon-cutting rail schemes share in multi-million pound government funding boost. Read here.  |

**Devolution deals**

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**Environment – 25 year environment plan**

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**Environment – Waste**

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**Environment – Air Quality**

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| 11/01/19 | Written Q&A | DfT | Buses: Exhaust Emissions:Written question - [206401](https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-01-08/206401)Asked by [**Jeff Smith**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/commons/jeff-smith/4456)To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that private bus companies required to upgrade their fleets in order to meet stricter emissions standards in charging Clean Air Zones do not pass those costs onto customers through increased ticket prices. Answered by: [**Ms Nusrat Ghani**](https://www.parliament.uk/biographies/commons/ms-nusrat-ghani/4460)£40 million was awarded in February 2018 through the Clean Bus Technology Fund, to support bus operators required to upgrade their fleets so that they do not pass these costs on to customers. The £220 million Clean Air Fund is also available for local authorities with NO2 exceedances, which can fund measures to support bus operators such as fleet upgrades. Bus operators and local authorities were also able to bid for the £48 million Ultra-Low Emission Bus Scheme, supporting the purchase of new ultra-low emission buses which will not be charged to enter Clean Air Zones. Winning bidders are due to be announced in January 2019**.** |

**Brexit – BEIS, Defra, HCLG, DExEU & committees**

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| 11/01/19 | Debate | HoL | **Brexit: Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration.** [**Read here.**](https://hansard.parliament.uk/Lords/2019-01-10/debates/995592CF-FE04-4F4B-B5CB-951D7219C228/BrexitWithdrawalAgreementAndPoliticalDeclaration) |
| 14/01/19 | Debate | HoC | **PMQs: Leaving the EU.** [Read here.](https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2019-01-14/debates/B9AD9CDC-0B9C-44B8-A468-45B38CD3B2A2/LeavingTheEU) |
| 15/01/19 | Debate | HoC | **European Union (Withdrawal) Act.** [Read here](https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2019-01-14/debates/5BFB8E71-8F0F-457B-AE2C-7B639181710D/EuropeanUnion%28Withdrawal%29Act)**.**  |
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