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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your letter of 17<sup>th</sup> April 2014 to the Secretary of State for Transport, on behalf of Martin Allen, Director of JA Travel Ltd and the Bus and Coach Association. I have been asked to provide this initial reply.

As your letter was sent the day before Good Friday, it was not received by the Department until Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Also, although your letter is not written in compliance with the Judicial Review Pre-action Protocol, it raises a number of points of legal interpretation and also threatens the commencement of legal action. Given the nature of the matters raised, and also given individuals' absences over the Easter period, it will not be possible for the Department to respond by the deadline specified in your letter.

I can, however, confirm that your letter has been passed on to the Department's legal advisers and is receiving attention. We currently anticipate being able to provide a substantive response by Friday 16 May.

In the meantime, in order to provide further background and assist us in understanding and responding to the specific points raised in your letter, I would be grateful if you would send a copy of the European Commission's relevant letter to JA Travel to which you

refer (see the penultimate paragraph of your letter). Perhaps you would kindly send it to my colleague, Ben Jones, by email so that I can ensure it is passed on as soon as possible to the individuals who are considering the issues you have raised. His email address is: [Ben.Jones@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Ben.Jones@dft.gsi.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Ferguson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Anthony Ferguson  
Head of Buses and Taxis Division  
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