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*Dear Edward,*

**THE REGULATION (EC) NO 1370/2007 (PUBLIC SERVICE OBLIGATIONS IN  
TRANSPORT) (AMENDMENT) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2019**

The Scottish Parliament recommended on 30 January 2019 that the Regulation (EC) No 1370/2007 (Public Service Obligations in Transport) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 should include Scottish devolved matters, as set out in the notification to the Parliament.

During the consideration of this notification Jamie Green MSP had queried whether the limit on the maximum duration of public service contracts for buses to 10 years represented an increase, decrease or continuation from the existing position.

I can confirm that this limit is a continuation of the existing position. The requirement that public service contracts for coach and bus services should not exceed 10 years is contained in Article 4.3 of Regulation (EC) No 1370/2007 which, as a directly applicable rule of EU law, has been part of domestic law since 2009.

I hope that the above provides the clarification sought by the Committee on this point.

*Ben Matheson*  
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