

P-04-506 Free bus pass / concessionary travel for benefit claimants, students and under 18s – Correspondence from the Petitioner to the Clerking Team, 14.04.14

Dear Kayleigh,

I would appreciate it if you could pass on my response to the minister's letter to the committee;

Im fully aware of the current difficult financial circumstances but feel the concession in its present guise is unjust and ill conceived as it is awarded to many individuals with both the means and resources to travel as and where they please - even globally !!

I strongly recommend as a method of progressive redistribution the concession be focussed upon the members of society subject to exclusion and poverty and , therefore , restrictions upon their ability to fully participate and engage with their local communities .

I suggest an unbureaucratic and low cost scheme to administer would be to instruct bus companies to accept proof of means tested benefit , the cost for this could be redirected from the wasteful schemes that private employment agencies {such as 'working links' } currently administer ...

I hope this can be seriously considered

Regards
Mark Griffiths