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Your Ref:
Our Ref: DRD/SUB/057/2010
Date: 2 February 2010

Dear Peter,

The withdrawal of Easibus services the Bangor area is a matter of concern to you and that you have asked a number Assembly Questions about the issue.

In reviewing the statistical information provided by Translink, some additional data has come to light which has shown that unfortunately there was an error contained in my response to AQW 3829/10. As you are aware, there are two Easibuses providing services in Bangor. One of these has been part-funded by my Department. The other has been funded by Translink from within its own resources since support for it by the tenants of Bloomfield Shopping Centre was withdrawn in 2005. The information provided in my response to AQW 3829/10 was correct in terms of the bus supported by the Department. However the response did not take account of the bus supported solely by Translink. A revised version of my response to AQW 3829/10 is attached for your ease of reference.

In AQW 3829/10 you asked about the number of passengers who used the Easibus Bangor services in each of the last three years. In response I provided you with passenger numbers for the services part-funded by my Department. However, the overall passenger numbers using the services provided by both buses were actually 52,284 in 2006/07, 51,914 in 2007/08 and 42,800 in 2008/09.

This letter will also be copied to the Speaker, other Members, the Assembly Library, and to the Office of the Official Report (Hansard).

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Conor".

CONOR MURPHY MP, MLA
Minister for Regional Development

Revised Reply to AYW 3829/10

DATE ANSWERED: THURSDAY 28 JANUARY 2010

Mr P Weir (North Down) To ask the Minister for Regional Development how many passengers used the Easibus service in Bangor in each of the last three years.

CONOR MURPHY

The table below sets out the number of passenger trips made on Bangor Easibus services in each of the last three financial years.

Period	Number of Passenger Trips
2006/07	52,284
2007/08	51,914
2008/09	42,800

Signed: *Conor Murphy*
Approved by the Minister +
signed in his absence

Date: 2/2/10