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Government Update on VAT Consultation Response...

HM Treasury has stated the Governments response to the 'Consultation on the VAT Treatment of Private Hire Vehicles' will be issued soon. The answer was provided, in the House of Commons, by Dan Tomlinson MP in response to a question from Richard Holden MP. It remains however, unclear exactly when this may be released...

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DfBT Investigates Potential Regulatory Reforms...

The Department for Business & Trade (DfBT) issues a call for evidence through its '*Unlocking Business:* Reform Driven by You' questionnaire. It seeks to identify areas within regulation, including implementation, which create administrative problems for business. Responses must be submitted by 16th December 2025...

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HC Taxi & Private Hire Licensing Inquiry Hears Evidence...

The House of Commons (HC) Transport Committee hears oral evidence in its 'Licensing of Taxis & Private Hire Vehicles' Inquiry. The Committee is charged with examining the effectiveness of the current licensing framework against authority powers, regional differences, ride-hailing platforms and cross-border activities. It received submissions from both authority and trade representatives. Consideration,

its understood, is now being given to that evidence...

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DfT Issues Information Sharing Guidance...

The Department for Transport (DfT) has issued 'Information Sharing between Police & Taxi & PHV Licensing Authorities Guidance'. It provides an overview of the licensing framework in the context of, amongst others, safeguarding measures, routes for sharing information and collaboration. This should prove useful for improving partnerships between regulatory, and enforcement, organisations...

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London Assembly Calls for New Regulatory Measures...

The London Assembly Transport Committee has concluded its investigation into Transport for London's (TfL) 'Taxi & Private Hire Action Plan'. In finding the Plan lacked meaningful industry engagement, it has written to Government and TfL calling for a number of measures to improve trade safety, financial support and working conditions. A response is awaited...

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Other News...

- > <u>Department for Transport, reportedly, to assess effects of LED headlamps on vehicles amid safety concerns (28th October 2025)...</u>
- > <u>Department for Education responds to House of Commons question on annual taxi expenditure</u> for school transport (23rd October 2025)....
- > <u>Department for Transport responds to House of Commons question on the application of plate</u> exemptions (22nd October 2025)...
- > <u>Department for Transport responds to House of Commons question on preventing over-licensing and maintaining safety standards (20th October 2025)</u>...
- > Wolverhampton City Council permits another licensing authority, Telford & Wrekin Council, to inspect its vehicles (15th October 2025)...
- > <u>Darlington Borough Council survey shows public, and trade, support for installation of CCTV inside vehicles (15th October 2025)...</u>
- > <u>Transport for London issues 'Update on Taxi & Private Hire Driver Licensing Process (October 2025)</u>' Notice 07/25 (15th October 2025)...
- > <u>High Court begins hearing Pan-NOx case against manufacturers over alleged vehicle emissions cheating (13th October 2025)</u>...
- > Westmorland & Furness Council launches consultation on plans to remove zone restrictions

(10th October 2025)...

- > GMB Unions raises concerns over delays in licensing drivers at Wolverhampton City Council (8th October 2025)...
- > <u>Jersey to introduce QR codes enabling passengers to rate taxi drivers (8th October 2025)...</u>
- > OxCam Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Corridor launches with *trials of electric air taxis* between Oxford and Cambridge (1st October 2025)...

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