

ANNEX TO ITEM 8

RURAL AFFAIRS CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY

24 FEBRUARY 2000

COSTS TO EMPLOYERS FOR OPERATING A TRANSPORT SCHEME FOR STAFF

Initial investigations have shown the following:

- Quotes for;

a 16 seater minibus to go from Olney – Newport Pagnell – MK at 8.00am
Returning along the same route at 6.00pm.

Quote 1) £70 a day (work on 5 year contract only) - £17,500 p.a

Quote 2) £70 a day - £17,500 p.a

- Quotes for;

a 16 seater Minibus to go from Woburn Sands – Bletchley – MK at 8.00am
Returning along the same route at 6.00pm.

Quote 1) £80 a day - £20,000 p.a.

Quote 2) £60 a day - £15,000 p.a.

The prices are based on a company hiring out the services of a minibus firm each day of the week. The cost may be a lot lower if the companies were to actually buy the transport themselves. They could look at a subsidised scheme, if they were to pay 50% of the cost (from above quotes) the cost per head per day would only be £2.20.

- Quotes for;

a taxi to and from Newport Pagnell (4 passengers)

Quote 1) £12 a day - £3,000 p.a. (Or £12,000 p.a. for 16 people)

- Quotes for;

a taxi to and from Olney (4 passengers)

Quote 1) £20 a day - £5,000 p.a. (Or £20,000 p.a. for 16 people)

Quote for 'nearly new' LDV van

P reg was 10,995.00+ VAT.

The R reg was 13,750.00+VAT.

Drivers would be a competitive hourly rate. £6-7 per hour?

Meaning for 4 hours driving a day and an estimated running cost of £8 per day = up to £16,000 p.a. after vehicle purchase. And the opportunity of a part-time rural job driving.