



Transport Committee

Rt Hon Heidi Alexander MP
Secretary of State
Department for Transport

By email

15 May 2025

Dear Heidi,

Department for Transport: Fines, fees and charges

Thank you for appearing before the Committee on 23 April 2025 and for your thoughtful and informative engagement with the wide range of questions we put to you.

During that session you said:

I was astonished on coming into the Department at the number of fees and charges that have not been increased at all in the last 14 or 15 years. No politician wants to ask people to pay more for things, but to cover the operating costs of different systems it is sometimes necessary.¹

The Committee would like to learn more about this issue, and to that end we would be grateful if your officials could collate for us a list of fines, fees and charges levied by your Department and its agencies. It would be most helpful if that could include:

- A brief description of each such fine, fee or charge and its current level;
- What the purpose is of each such fine, fee or charge (for example: covering the costs of delivering the service, revenue generation, or incentivising particular behaviour);
- Which body/agency is responsible for administering each such fine, fee or charge;
- What the mechanism is (legislative, administrative or otherwise) for setting the level of each such fine, fee or charge; and
- What the date was on which each such fine, fee or charge was last altered, and by what amount.

¹ Oral evidence taken on 23 April 2025, [Q63](#)



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The Committee would welcome provision of this information, as far as is practicable, by the end of June 2025. As we are not fully sighted on the potential size of the task, please do respond to us proposing an alternative timescale or alternative scope for an initial return if necessary.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Cadbury MP
Chair, Transport Committee