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Dear Sir/Madam

DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT 1995
DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT:-TAXI ACCESSIBILITY WORKSHOP

Many of you will have received from the Department of Transport (DfT) their consultation paper entitled Improving Access to Taxis. The consultation considers various options for taking forward the provisions of the DDA with a view to improving access by disabled people to taxis. A link to the DfT consultation paper is attached for ease of reference.

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/open/consulttaxis/taxiconsulhtml>

As you may be aware the powers to specify the technical standards for accessible taxis under the DDA are reserved to Westminster. The Scottish Government has however committed to liaise with DfT colleagues to ensure that the views of Scottish stakeholders are taken into consideration in the consultation process.

DfT indicated in the introduction to their consultation that it was their intention to hold a series of workshops throughout the country to give stakeholders the opportunity to voice their opinions directly to the Department. I am pleased to inform you that DfT have offered to run a workshop in Edinburgh to take views from Scottish stakeholders.

The workshop will be held in the Radisson SAS Hotel in the Royal Mile, Edinburgh on Tuesday 31 March 2009. A copy of the Agenda for the workshop is attached. Refreshments and a buffet lunch will be provided throughout the day. Details of the venue its location and facilities can be accessed at

<http://www.radissonsas.com/cs/Satellite/Page/RadissonSAS/Page/rsasHotelDescription/1067592272933/en/hotelCode--ediza/>

Anyone wishing to attend this workshop should notify the Department for Transport accordingly by e-mail at taxiconsultation@dft.gsi.gov.uk or alternatively address to Paul



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