



Member Engagement & Representation – Activity Report Q4 2015

Issue	Activity	Engagement	Key Outcome
Air Quality	The BVRLA attended a closed workshop hosted by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, to discuss the current consultation on air quality.	Defra	The BVRLA has proposed several measures to be considered by Defra in its report on the UK's air quality strategy. We will continue to make representations, informed by this workshop and further engagement activity.
Private parking	The BVRLA met with the Department for Communities and Local Government following the recent private parking consultation.	DCLG	DCLG appreciate frustrations with the current legislation on parking, especially related to transfer of liability claims. They will consider publishing guidance to clarify areas which are unclear, and if further legislation is required to cover new parking issues.
Low Emission Vehicles	The BVRLA met with the new Head of Incentives at the Office of Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) to discuss the Plug-In Grant ahead of the Autumn Statement and Comprehensive Spending Review.	OLEV	While OLEV are unable to guarantee the Plug-In Grant, they understood the importance of advance notice for lease companies in purchasing new fleet vehicles (including LEVs). OLEV will therefore amend the current Plug-In Grant plan to allow this to be confirmed at the point of order, not just the point of delivery. A workshop will be planned in early 2016 for BVRLA members purchasing large numbers of low emission vehicles to meet senior OLEV officials and discuss policy initiatives to encourage LEVs.
Meeting with Andrew Jones MP	BVRLA met with Roads Minister, Andrew Jones MP. This was to discuss the potential for him to host a regional member forum and appraise him of our industry, which employs a significant number of his constituents.	Department for Transport	

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Air Quality	The BVRLA hosted a policy roundtable attended by representatives of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), plus OLEV, Public Health England, and Transport for London, alongside members and vehicle manufacturers, to discuss proposals to improve air quality and greener motoring.	Defra	The BVRLA will be producing a policy paper to be presented to the various Ministers, including Roads Minister Andrew Jones MP and Defra Minister Rory Stewart, detailing several policy recommendations for improving air quality through greener motoring. A list of agreed recommendations is available from the BVRLA on request.
Business Car Taxation	The BVRLA hosted a policy roundtable attended by representatives of HM Treasury, alongside members and vehicle manufacturers, to discuss proposals to amend taxation arrangements for greater fairness and to encourage the take-up of company cars.	HM Treasury	The BVRLA will be producing a policy paper to be presented to the various Ministers, including Treasury Minister Damian Hinds (who oversees transport taxation), detailing policy proposals agreed by attendees – again, a full list of these recommendations is available from the BVRLA on request.
Parliamentary reception	The BVRLA hosted a wine reception in the House of Parliament, to launch the recommendations from the four policy roundtables and to present these to the attending Transport Minister, Robert Goodwill. Also in attendance was Roads Minister Andrew Jones, plus 15 other attending MPs.	Department for Transport House of Commons	The Minister made several comments in his speech of interest to BVRLA members, including on the future of the OLEV plug-in car grant. He also expressed an interest in the four papers when these are produced, and the various recommendations he had already received.