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# Some issues and updates

- 📍 Statutory registration of short term lets
- 📍 Package Travel Regulations
- 📍 ETAs, Visas, and borders
- 📍 Taxing Tourists report
- 📍 Tourism and the general election...?



# Statutory registration of short-term lets

- 📍 Consultation closed on 7<sup>th</sup> June
- 📍 Expect response soon...?
- 📍 Possible further consultation...?
- 📍 Significant loopholes and questions remain to be answered

# Package Travel Regulations

- 📍 Consultation closed
- 📍 Government considering changes and open to reform
- 📍 Domestic packages should only count if travel is included

# Package Travel Regulations

- 📍 Currently 2 of 4 elements make a package
  - 📍 “Carriage of passengers” (including flights, trains and coaches)
  - 📍 “Accommodation”
  - 📍 “Motor vehicle hire” and
  - 📍 “Any other tourist service”
- 📍 One simple but important change suggested.
- 📍 A domestic package should include either ‘carriage of passengers’ or ‘motor vehicle hire’ plus one of the others
- 📍 This would free up tourism businesses and DMOs to offer innovative packages in their area with no discernable impact on consumers
- 📍 Full paper available on our website via the Publications tab



# DMO survey on PTRs

- 📍 **85% strongly agree** with our policy proposal. A total of 90% agree.
- 📍 **90% say the current rules are hampering** the ability of businesses in their area to offer value-added products to consumers. 45% said it was hampering it a great deal.
- 📍 **90% say our proposal would benefit their DMO** in being able to market products and services in their area. 55% say it would benefit them a great deal.



# ETAs, visas, borders

- 📍 ETA needs tweaking
  - 📍 Languages
  - 📍 Welcome
  - 📍 Transit
  - 📍 Northern Ireland
- 📍 EU EES/ETIAS coming
  - 📍 EES from late 2024 – October?
  - 📍 ETIAS from spring 2025





# Taxing Tourists report

- 📍 Tourism Alliance research
- 📍 Have to compare destinations like-with-like
- 📍 20% VAT rate is key
- 📍 We already tax tourists very highly
- 📍 But get ready for the debate



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