

Glossary

Black Taxis	Second-hand Austin black taxis operating at high frequencies on a fill-up-and-go basis along a small number of established routes (see paragraphs 2.29 to 2.33, 10.45 and 10.46).
Bus grant	A capital grant made to Ulsterbus and Citybus by the Government amounting to 50 per cent of the cost of each new bus purchased (see paragraph 4.10).
Bus priority measures	Measures (eg bus lanes) giving priority to buses over other road traffic.
Compensation	Government compensation paid to Ulsterbus and Citybus in respect of malicious damage to, or destruction of, buses arising from events attributable to civil disorder (see paragraphs 4.12 and 4.13).
Concessionary fares	Discounted fares for men and women aged 65 and over and children under 16; the amount of concessionary discount is reimbursed by the DOE (NI) (see paragraph 9.6).
Consumer Council	General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland.
Discounted cash flow	The process of converting to present value a cost or benefit occurring in the future.
DOE (NI)	Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland.
DTp	Department of Transport.
Engineering spares	A pool of vehicles, additional to daily scheduled requirements, maintained to provide cover for buses temporarily out of service for inspection, maintenance, overhaul or repair.
Net present value	The sum of the present values of all benefits less the sum of the present values of all costs.
NIO	Northern Ireland Office.
NITHC	Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company.
PSV recertification	Reissue of PSV certificates to buses passing annual PSV inspection (see Chapter 7).
Route costings	Profit and loss accounts for individual bus routes (see paragraph 4.19).
Stage carriage services	Services on which separate fares are paid and the minimum distance which a passenger can be carried between picking up and setting down points is less than 30 miles measured in a straight line.
Standee bus	Single-deck bus, used mainly by Citybus, designed with fewer seats than the maximum permissible number and hence with greater passenger-carrying capacity to help cater for peak demand.
Stored-value tickets	Pre-purchased bus tickets akin to the British Telecom 'phonecard', the original total stored value of which is progressively reduced to zero with each successive bus journey against which it is tendered.

Street furniture	Items such as bus stops provided at strategic points along a bus route for passengers intending to board or alight from a bus.
Wayfarer	Electronic ticketing system recently introduced by Ulsterbus and capable of providing extensive management information (see paragraph 10.16 et seq).
Whole-life cost	An estimate of the cost of providing a vehicle on the road during the whole of its life span, ie capital costs plus accumulated maintenance costs.