Consultation

Did you take part in any consultation exercise preceding the Bill and, if so, did you comment on the financial assumptions made?
1. Yes & no

If applicable, do you believe your comments on the financial assumptions have been accurately reflected in the FM?
2. Not applicable

Did you have sufficient time to contribute to the consultation exercise?
3. Yes

Costs

If the Bill has any financial implications for your organisation, do you believe that they have been accurately reflected in the FM? If not, please provide details.
4. The issue for large rural authorities will be access to appropriate BSL services. The cost of buying them in from another area will be substantial, compared to the central belt where most of the services are based.

Do you consider that the estimated costs and savings set out in the FM are reasonable and accurate?
5. Yes

If applicable, are you content that your organisation can meet any financial costs that it might incur as a result of the Bill? If not, how do you think these costs should be met?

Does the FM accurately reflect the margins of uncertainty associated with the Bill’s estimated costs and with the timescales over which they would be expected to arise?
7. Yes.

Wider Issues

Do you believe that the FM reasonably captures any costs associated with the Bill? If not, which other costs might be incurred and by whom?
8. See response to 4.

Do you believe that there may be future costs associated with the Bill, for example through subordinate legislation? If so, is it possible to quantify these costs?
9. Possibly, in the short term, where authorities want to develop services where none exist.