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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Motor Schools Association of Great Britain (MSA) makes the following response to the DSA Consultation Document – Fees For Driving Tests and Related Matters.
- 1.2 The MSA is the national trade association for driving instructors and schools founded in 1935. Members of the association are in the main Driving Standards Agency Approved Driving Instructors (ADI). We also have a partnership with the Institute of Large Goods Vehicle Driving Instructors (ILGVDI) and represent their interests together with those of prospective driving instructors (PDIs) and a number of bus/coach instructors and motorcycle instructors.

2 GENERAL COMMENTS

- 2.1 In order to canvass as wide a range of opinions as possible before submitting the association's views to the DSA, we invited all MSA members to comment through our monthly publication MSA Newslink. The consultation paper was published in the June 2002 issue. In the same issue, comments on the proposals were also published.
- 2.2 Members of the association's Board of Management have also consulted members through regional meetings and the association's network of branches and associated local ADI groups. The proposals were discussed at a recent meeting of the MSA Board of Management
- 2.3 We are content for our response to be included in the summary of responses, which the agency may divulge on request.

3 REGARDING THE FEE INCREASE

- 3.1 Reactions to this consultation have been few. Most of those expressing an opinion to the MSA think that driving test fees are already too high and that any increase will simply make things worse.
- 3.2 Most driving instructors believe that DSA driving test fees are excessive. The proposed standard fee for a week day car test for a learner driver is £39.00 (the fee earning period relates to one hour). In comparison on average, a driving lesson of one hour's duration costs less than half that price AND THE PRICE INCLUDES THE USE OF A CAR.
- 3.3 Others who are resigned to the DSA price structure see an increase of one pound on the week day car test as a not unreasonable increase.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The view of MSA members towards this particular consultation can perhaps be summed up as ambivalent. However, instructors are likely to be more verbose when a driving test fee consultation paper includes increases in the charges for ADI registration.