



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

James Dornan MSP
Scottish Parliament
Edinburgh
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Dear James,

I was extremely disappointed to hear you claim in the chamber last week that Lothian Buses cancelled their services on the evening on March 17 as a result of it being St Patrick's day, implying that Lothian Buses are anti-Irish/anti-Catholic.

It was well known that Lothian Buses had been involved in several incidents in which buses and drivers were targeted by anti-social groups of young people, with bricks thrown through bus windows. Over a six-week investigation into 127 incidents, 38 children and young people were charged with a variety of offences allegedly related to the anti-social attacks.

Lothian Buses made the decision to remove services after 7pm on March 17 due to concern for the safety of their colleagues. Knowing this, it is unacceptable to make the claims you did last week and I condemn your comments. I stand in solidarity with Lothian Buses and the fantastic service they offer across our wonderful capital city.

I am calling on you to apologise to the Scottish Parliament and to Lothian Buses and their employees for your unfair, and unjust comments.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Webber
MSP for Lothian Region