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The Joint Trade Unions would like to express our continued concern over the use of contract hire vehicles supplied by the private sector to some DSO's and more particularly Building & Works.

The JCC committee will be aware that we initially raised our concerns on this issue on the 28th September 2000. However, little if anything has changed in that time.

The continued use of private sector contract hire vehicles is having a demoralising effect on the workforce in the Crookedholm garage who because of a continuing reduction in work are at the stage where they are genuinely concerned about their future job security.

In my capacity as convenor, I have approached management from Building & Works and the Transport section on several occasions about this issue only to become increasingly exasperated by the blame culture both sides seem to have adopted. Both sides seem unable to give me a consistent answer other than " it will be sorted out shortly".

The Trade Unions request that Building & Works agree to implement the first stage of their vehicle replacement programme which is long overdue. We also believe that Departments should be required to consult with the Transport section before any vehicle procurement is considered.

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