

Question: What is the Government's view on a single Parking Trade Association (BPA or IPC) in Private Parking Enforcement?

Answer: This is an area under considerable discussion: a useful lead on the Government's view can be found in the then Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport, Andrew Jones's, response on 21st March 2017 during a debate on the DVLA & Private Parking Companies.

The following is from Hansard's report on the debate

"I have been asked whether there should be a single standard-setting body for the industry. Competition between industry bodies is generally quite good. Competition can improve services, so I do not think we necessarily need to have just one body. I was also asked whether the relationship between the trade associations and the DVLA is appropriate. It is legal, and it is controlled and audited. The information provision is managed. The concern lies in the code of practice and its enforcement. That is where the next actions will be, and I will take those actions forward from today's debate."