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No.	Item Number	Raised by	Question Raised	Answer
1	Item 7: Variation to YCB Contract	Mr. Tony Solomons	Para 2.3: Is the setting up of a new company to provide a travel escort service simply designed to reduce the wages of the existing escort staff (qv para 2.1.b)	The proposed model for travel escorts is not being set up to reduce the wages of the existing 'escort' staff. There are no staff employed solely to carry out escort duties, the staff who currently carry out this role are either Assistant Support Workers (ASW) or Support Workers (SW).
2	Item 7: Variation to YCB Contract	Mr. Tony Solomons	What are the contingency plans to retain or replace escort staff following their proposed pay reduction as outlined above?	Please see response to Q1, the proposed model for travel escorts will not involve any pay reduction for existing staff who undertake "escort" duties. At a point in time that YCB does create a role solely to provide passenger transport escort duties, the staff who currently carry out this duty will then solely carry out Assistant Support Worker and Support Worker roles within the day services, on their current salary. This will also further reduce the need for agency staff in these roles.
3	Item 7: Variation to YCB Contract	Mr. Tony Solomons	Para 2.1.c: Will the proposed increase in day rates at Rosa Morison and Flower Lane be matched by increases in service users' Personal Budget or Direct Payment allocations?	There will be no change to the current rate (£110 per day for Rosa Morison and Flower Lane day services) charged to customers in receipt of Direct Payments. Customers will therefore not see any change in their Personal Budget / Direct Payment allocations (unless of course there is a change in their care assessment needs or personal finances, which may then result in an increase or decrease in allocations, depending on the particular circumstances of their case). Where a customer on Direct Payment does not attend e.g. is

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				unwell, there is no charge and an alternative day is usually offered in lieu.
4	Item 7: Variation to YCB Contract	Mr. Tony Solomons	Should there be no matching increases, what analysis has been done to assess how many service users will have to reduce their day centre attendance due to affordability?	Not applicable as there will be no change to the current daily rate or Personal Budget / Direct Payment allocations – please refer response to Question 3.
5	Item 7: Variation to YCB Contract	Mr. Tony Solomons	The mathematical links for Rosa Morison (£115.60 per day per user, "approx. 26 users", and £37,180 per annum) are unclear. Can they be better explained?	<p>Based on the 2013/14 data there were 338 days of 'first day, unplanned non-attendance', therefore the loss in fees to YCB was <math>338 \times £110 = £37,180</math>.</p> <p>There are on average 26.56 people on any given day funded by Barnet Council at Rosa Morison, so adding £5.60 to the daily fee (from £110 to £115.60), covers the cost of day one of non-attendance totalling £37,180.</p> <p>No of days x No of people x £5.60  <math>250 \times 26.557 \times £5.60 = £37,179.80</math></p> <p>Please also see response to Q3 – there will be no change to customers' current daily rate or Personal Budget / Direct Payment allocations.</p>