

Three other public sector bus undertakings were referred to the Commission at the same time: Cardiff, West Midlands and Trent. Their date has similarly been set forward.

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'No UFO cover-up'

DEFENCE spokesman Viscount Long today denied there was a cover-up by the Ministry of Defence over sightings of unidentified flying objects.

In the past four years there had been 2,250 UFO sightings reported and all had been passed to staff who examine them for possible defence implications.

He told the leader of the Lords' all-party UFO group, Earl Clancarty: "If you're suspicious that the Ministry of Defence is covering up in any way, I can assure you there's no reason why we should."

The Ministry was interested in UFOs in case they disclosed a Russian aircraft or an unidentified plane breaching the security systems.