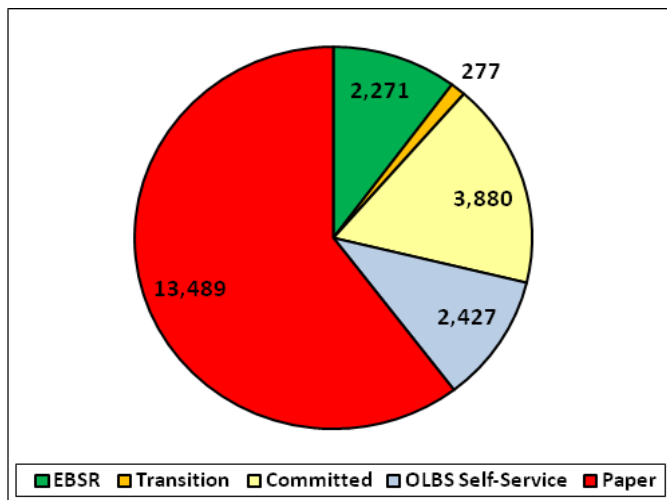


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EBSR Statistics – To End of November 2009

Fig 1 – Registrations by Type at end of Nov 2009

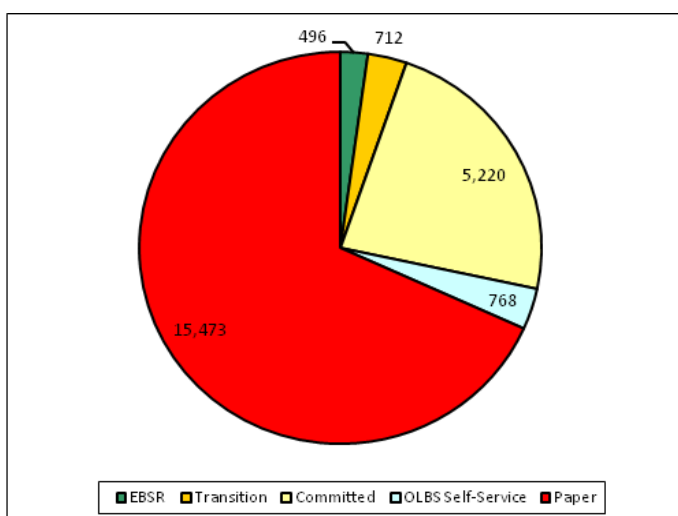


1 Bus Service Registrations

Figure 1 shows the numbers of bus service registrations in different categories at the end of November 2009. There are now 2,271 services that have been successfully registered under the EBSR process. While a further 277 registrations are in the process of conversion from paper to EBSR.

In addition operators committed to switching to EBSR, but who have not yet begun the process of transition account for a further 3,880 registrations.

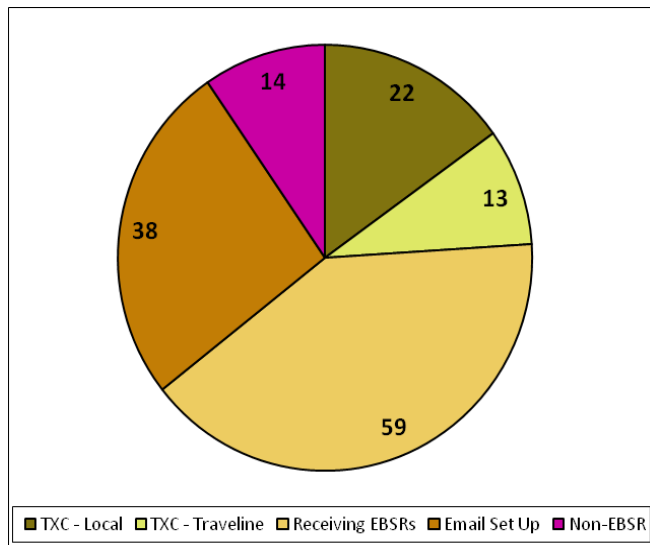
Fig 2 – Registrations by Type at end of 2008



A comparison between Figure 1 and Figure 2 shows the progress that has been made during 2009. At the end of 2008, 496 registrations were in EBSR format, at the end of November 2009 that number has risen to 2,271

Since the launch of EBSR, VOSA have successfully handled 5,977 electronic registrations for services. This total includes EBSRs submitted during the data refresh process where VOSA often receive more than one EBSR per registration

Fig 3 – Local Authorities and EBSR



2 Local Authority Take-up

There are now 94 local authorities receiving EBSRs. 38 others have registered with VOSA in anticipation of receiving EBSRs. A growing number of authorities (22) are directly importing EBSR data into their local database system to take full advantage of the benefits of electronic data transfer. In addition, third parties such as traveline, are directly importing data into their systems for a further 13 Authorities

At the end of 2008 there were 38 Authorities receiving EBSRs, so there has been a significant increase in the numbers involved in EBSR since the start of 2009.

If your Authority has not yet registered to receive EBSRs you can do so by emailing VOSA at ebssr@vosa.gov.uk. You will need to set up a dedicated email address in the format ebssr@localauthorityname.gov.uk. Details of any electronic registrations submitted for your area will then be sent to this address for you to collect.

3 The Impact of EBSR

Table 1 below compares the split between EBSR and paper registrations received by VOSA during July & November 2009.

Table 1 – EBSR & Paper Registrations - July & November 2009

July 2009			November 2009		
	Electronic	Paper		Electronic	Paper
New Registrations	33	454	New Registrations	28	184
Variations	158	1,206	Variations	124	446
Cancellations	30	412	Cancellations	31	116
Total	221	2,072	Total	183	746
	10%	90%		20%	80%
EBSR Transition Registrations	138		EBSR Transition Registrations	146	

In July the split was about 10% EBSR, 90% paper. In November there was a significant proportion received in the form of EBSRs with the split changing to 20% EBSR and 80%

paper. In both months there were also a number of additional EBSRs received as part of the transition process from paper to electronic.

4 Regional Impact of EBSR

Table 2 below provides a summary of the EBSRs that have been submitted to the different VOSA Traffic Areas since the introduction of EBSR. A number of EBSRs may need to be submitted for a single registration during data refresh, which explains the differences between these totals and those above. It is notable that some Traffic Areas now receive significant numbers of registrations in EBSR format, where operators have made the switchover.

At the end of May 2009 a total of 3,333 EBSRs had been submitted to VOSA, by the end of July that number had increased to 4,308 and by the end of November 2009 it had risen to 5,977. EBSR has now gone live in every Traffic Area apart from the West Midlands, although two companies in that area are currently going through the testing and data refresh process.

Table 2 – Total EBSRs Submitted in Traffic Areas

Traffic Area	“O” Licences submitting EBSRs		Registrations Submitted during “refresh” period		Revisions submitted since “go live”	
	July 2009	Nov 2009	July 2009	Nov 2009	July 2009	Nov 2009
Eastern	6	6	424	478	275	380
North East	8	9	488	626	144	230
North West	2	6	368	466	176	265
Scotland	7	8	1174	1365	102	279
South East & Met	4	5	214	438	17	30
Wales	6	6	256	257	58	97
Western	8	10	482	829	112	193
West Midlands	1	2	18	44	0	0
TOTAL	42	52	3424	4503	884	1474

This table also illustrates the number of “O” Licences involved with EBSR in each of these areas and the trend since July 2009. In most Traffic Areas there has been an increase in the number of operators involved in EBSR.

During November eight licences (companies) made the switch to EBSR, these included:-

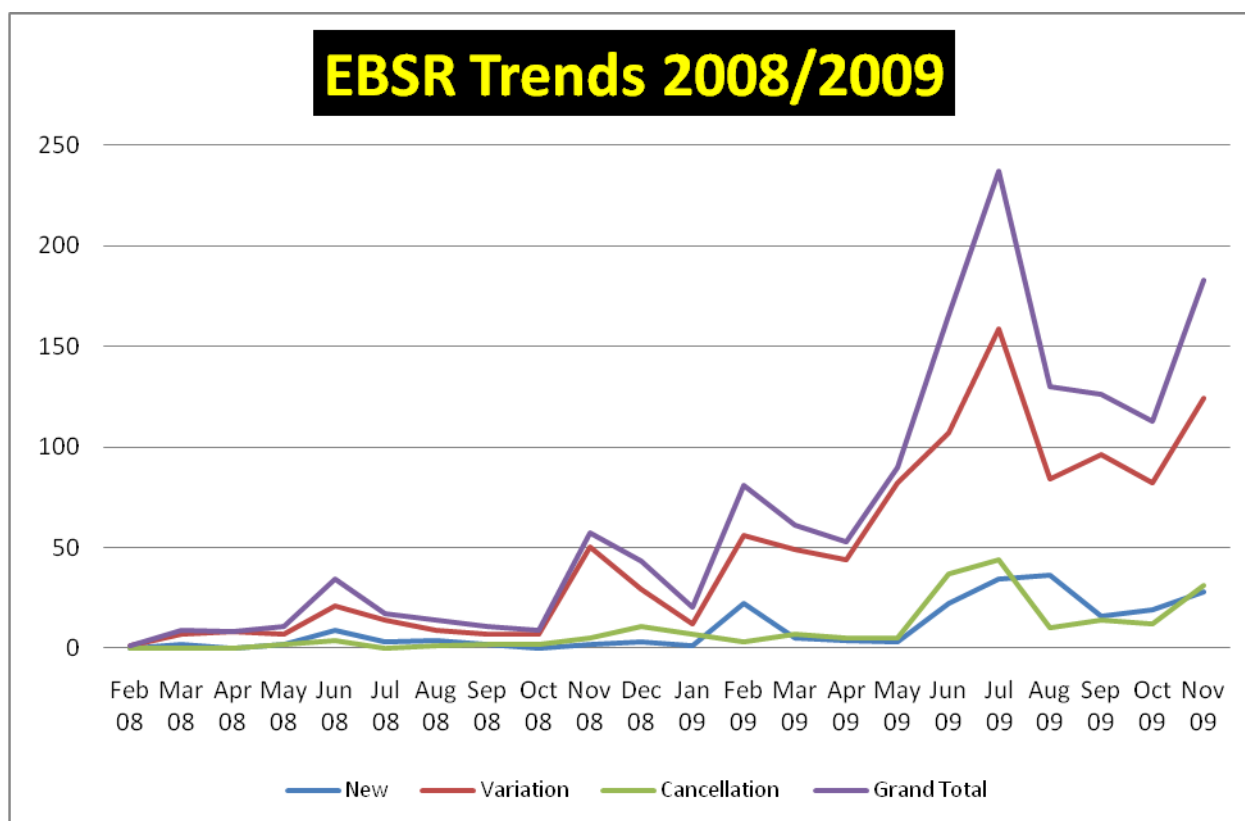
Andrews (Sheffield), Barnsley & District, Chesterfield Transport, East Kent Road Car, East Midland Motor Services, Hastings & District, Whites World & Yorkshire Traction

A further 9 licences (companies) are also in the process of submitting EBSRs as part of the data refresh process prior to going live with EBSR.

5 EBSR Trends 2008/2009

Figure 4 below illustrates the growing use of EBSR amongst operators. It shows the number of EBSRs which were submitted in each month since the beginning of 2008 and clearly illustrates the significant growth in take-up that has happened in 2009.

Figure 4 – Monthly EBSR Submissions 2008/2009



This analysis helps to reinforce the points made above about the growing impact of EBSR and its gradual extension into different parts of the country. In every Traffic Area apart from the West Midlands, there is now evidence of the take-up of EBSR.

6 Further Information

For further information, please email Transport Direct at ebss@dft.gsi.gov.uk

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