

Public Call for Evidence and Issues Analysis of Responses

Introduction

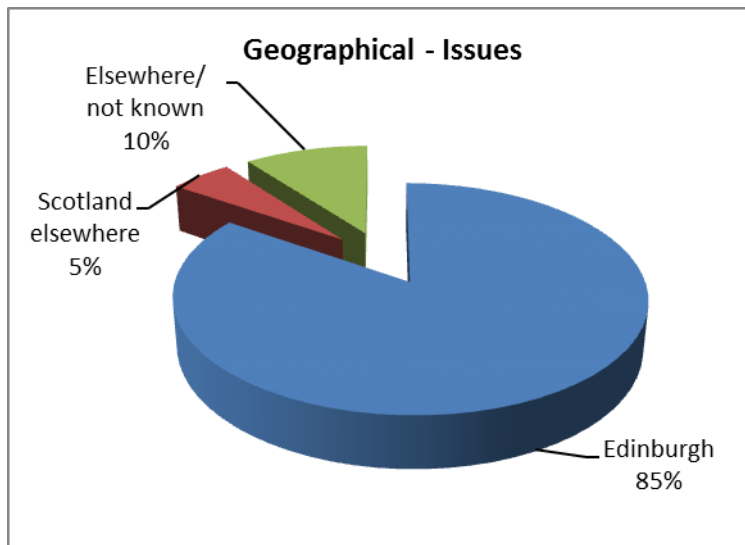
The Rt. Honourable the Lord Hardie, Chairman of the Edinburgh Tram Inquiry formally invited members of the public to submit written evidence to the Inquiry in the summer of 2015. The public also had a chance to consider the list of issues and say if there were other issues which they thought the Inquiry should consider.

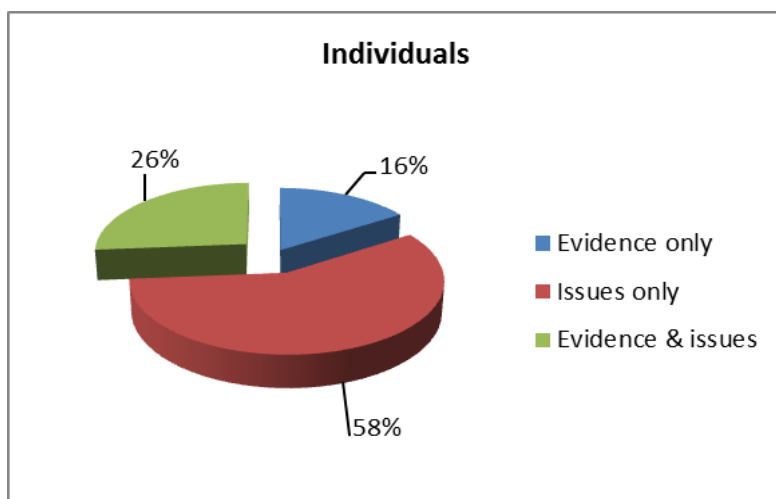
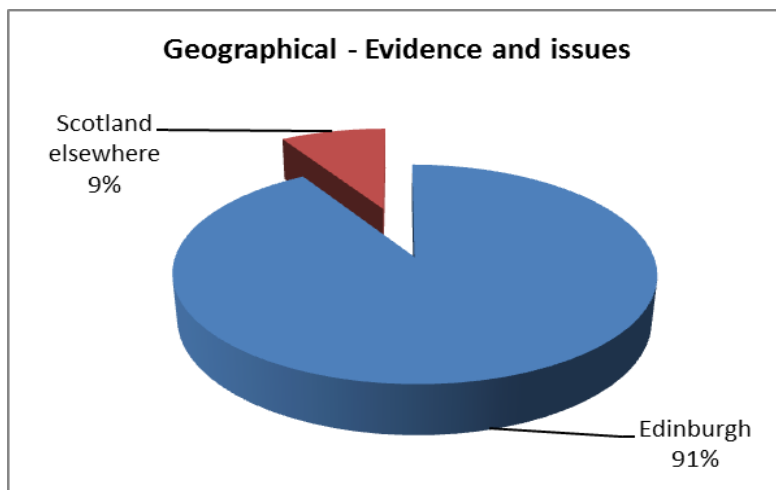
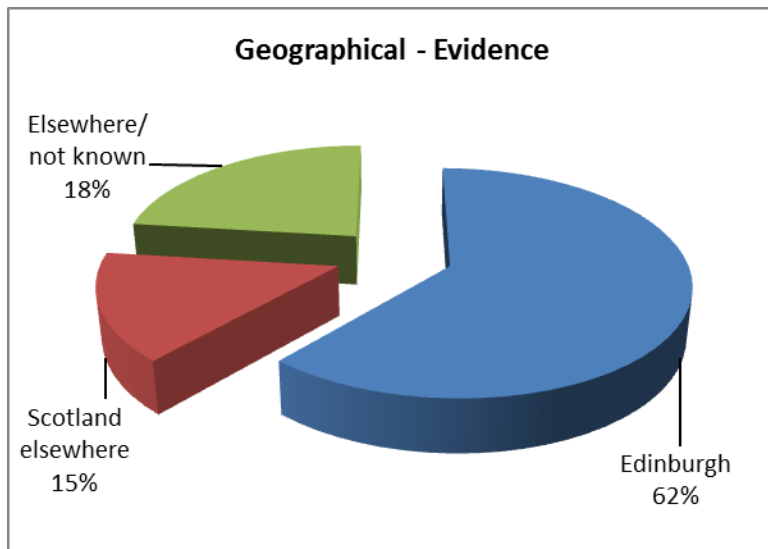
The online survey developed to collect the evidence and issues was closed on 4 August 2015.

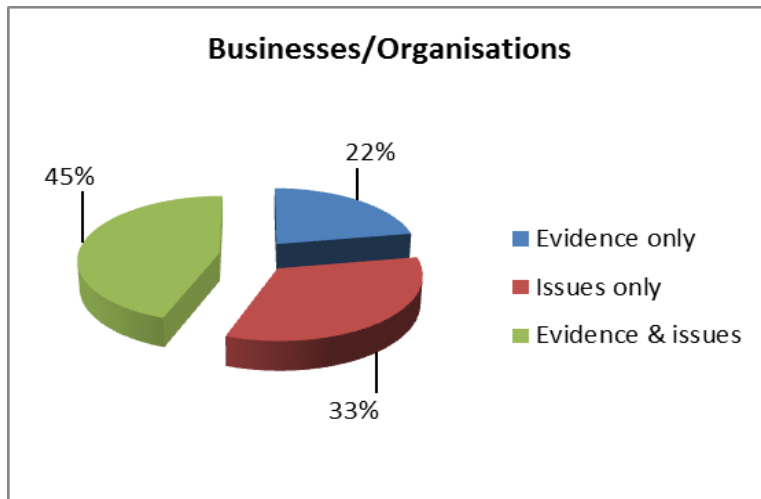
Responses

There were 75 responses in total, of which 13 were the provision of evidence only, 39 were issues only, and 23 were submissions of both evidence and issues.

The following charts show the evidence and issues we have received by individuals/businesses and by location.







Issues

The Edinburgh Tram Inquiry is investigating why the Edinburgh Trams project incurred delays, cost more than originally budgeted, and through reductions in scope delivered significantly less than was initially planned. These are broad questions, and the Inquiry is keen to make sure that all issues relevant to the terms of reference for the Inquiry are explored.

The issues being considered by the Inquiry have been broken down into 12 topics with a number of sub-topics. The 12 main topics are:

1. Initial proposals
2. Procurement
3. Design
4. Utilities
5. Infrastructure
6. Tram Vehicles
7. Management
8. Local governance
9. National governance
10. Costs
11. Consequences
12. Alternatives

Issues identified by the public covered all of these areas, and there were a number, particularly around the decision to proceed with the project and the design of the trams network which are not within the terms of reference. There were however a number of common themes around communication and the consequences for local communities which will be included. A new version of the list has been published on the Inquiry website.

The table below provides a summary of the issues identified with the number of responses for each of the key words identified.

Key words	No. of Responses
Alternatives	1
Audit Scotland	2
Business case	1
Businesses	1
Carbon calculation	1
Commuters	2
Construction phase	2
Consultation	3
Contractor	1
Contracts	1
Costs	2
Councillors	1
Cycles	4
Delays	2
Design	7
Experience	1
Finance	2
Governance	1
Guided bus way	1
Learning lessons	1
Leith	2
Monitoring	1
New Town	4
Other major projects	1
Pedestrians	3
Procurement	2
Project management	3
Public perception	1
Public realm	2
Quality control	1
Recruitment	2
Remuneration (pay)	1
Residents	1
Restoration	1
Risk	1
Scottish Government	1
Skills	2
Transport Initiatives Edinburgh (TIE)	2
Transport Scotland	3
Trolley bus	3
Utilities	1

Evidence

At the same time the Inquiry was asking the public to provide evidence on the consequences of the failure to deliver the project in time, within the budget and to the extent projected. All of the evidence submitted has become part of the collection of material that is being investigated by the Inquiry, and will be considered. All of the evidence gathered through this public consultation will be published either during the Inquiry proceedings or when the Inquiry Report is issued.

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