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Dear Leanne,

You recently submitted written Assembly questions regarding class 142 and class 769 trains (WAQ79341, WAQ79342, WAQ79343 and WAQ79344).

A number of Class 142 (Pacer) trains formerly in service with Northern Rail have been taken to Simms Metals who are based in Newport Docks for scrapping, as part of the ongoing process to dispose of the withdrawn trains. This is a direct arrangement between the owners and Simms Metals and does not involve Transport for Wales (TfW). Transport for Wales has no plans to introduce any extra Pacer trains from other operators.

My understanding is that these trains are beyond economical repair.

A list of all services utilising trains that are not fully accessible can be found on the TfW Rail website:

<https://tfwrail.wales/accessible-travel/train-accessibility>

Preparations for the introduction of the Class 769s is progressing well and TfW anticipates they will enter service in time for the May timetable change.

Yours sincerely,

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