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Eich cyf/Your ref: WQ87515

Adam Price MS

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Dear Adam,

This letter is in response to your written question WQ87515: *When does the Government plan to announce the increase in regulated rail fares from March onwards?* Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying to your question.

On 22 February I laid a written statement before the Senedd detailing the increase in regulated fares in Wales. [Written Statement: Regulated Rail Fares 2023 | GOV.WALES](#)

Changes to fares came into force on 5 March. In previous years fares have increased in line with the rate of inflation from the preceding summer, which would have been a 12.3% increase. This year we took a different approach, capping increases at 5.9%.

Our budget settlement from the UK Government, combined with a reduced farebox income post pandemic, meant we faced some difficult choices to maintain provision of rail services. However, we are continuing our £800m investment on brand new trains to operate services across Wales, providing an increase in capacity as well as improvements to passenger facilities and comfort.

Yours sincerely

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