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Peredur Owen Griffiths MS
Member for South Wales East

18 December 2024

Dear Peredur,

On December 4, 2024 you tabled a written question in the Senedd asking for the figures for the last five years in relation to the number of train cancellations there have been on the Ebbw Vale line, and how this compares to other lines in the valleys network.

In 2024, we have introduced Pay-As-You-Go, brand new trains and a new hourly service to and from Newport on the Ebbw Vale line, delivering a step change improvement for passengers. The doubling of frequency has been made possible through our £70m investment to upgrade the Ebbw Vale line.

Below is a table providing figures to the percentage of cancellations on the Ebbw Vale line, where on average 3.2% services have been cancelled in the past five years, compared to 4.3% of services cancelled on the Core Valley Lines. There are several factors to consider in the interpretation of these figures, not least the level of service change by year and the changes of rolling stock in operation.

Financial Year	Core Valley Lines	Ebbw Vale line
2019/20	2.4%	1.7%
2020/21	1.4%	0.8%
2021/22	4.9%	2.2%
2022/23	4.5%	4.5%
2023/24	4.9%	2.9%
2024/25 (to Date)	5.7%	4.5%
Cancellation % for Last 5 Years	4.3%	3.2%

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Ken Skates AS/MS

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Trafnidiaeth a Gogledd Cymru
Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales