



Assembly Members

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Dear Assembly Members

I am writing in relation to the North South Express rail service.

I am pleased to advise members that following my introduction of business class on the North South Express service, Arriva Trains Wales have reported an increase in passenger numbers compared to the first class service previously offered. Arriva report that there have been increases in passenger numbers of 6 per cent southbound and 5 per cent northbound following the change in December 2014.

Passenger numbers have also increased in standard class, with the service performing a key role for commuters leaving Cardiff during the evening in addition to connecting North and South Wales.

My officials continue to closely monitor the on-going performance and reliability of the service.

*Edwina Hart*