



Ein cyf/Our ref WQ83821

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Dear Natasha,

With regard to the holding reply you were sent on 18 November please find a substantive reply to your WQ83821.

Natasha Asghar (South Wales East): What discussions has the Minister had with Transport for Wales with regard to restoring the 23:04 rail service from Cardiff to Ebbw Vale?

My officials are in regular dialogue with Transport for Wales (TfW) regarding their service provision and timetable proposals. We recognise the importance of late services, such as the 23:04 service to Ebbw Vale, for the night time economy in Wales and to enable people to be able to use sustainable transport when they wish to enjoy evening events, shows or other leisure activities. As passenger numbers are increasing TfW are seeking to re-introduce services back into the timetable where there is resource available to enable them to do so.

Therefore I am pleased to be able to advise that the late service from Cardiff to Ebbw Vale will return as follows:

- From 3 January as a 23:07 departure from Cardiff Central to Ebbw Vale Town on Monday to Thursday.
- From Friday 7 January as a 23:02 departure from Cardiff Central to Ebbw Vale Town on Fridays and Saturdays.

In addition, from Monday 13 December, Transport for Wales will be operating a new service on the Ebbw Vale Line with the introduction of an hourly service between Crosskeys and Newport.

Yours sincerely

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