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Petitions Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay
CARDIFF

Dear Sir

Petition on improving north/south rail services

I have a copy of the current Arriva Trains Wales timetable which is literally identical to the one in operation in February last year.

I would like to emphasise a few points from my letter of 7 February last year which are the basis of my petition.

- The Arriva Holyhead to Cardiff service is basically three stopping services added together.
- There are only two express north south services. One from Holyhead at 0533 arriving at 0958 the other from Llandudno Junction at 0838 arriving at 1211. There is only one express service from Cardiff to Holyhead leaving at 1716 arriving at 2145. The time from Holyhead to Cardiff is roughly four and a half hours. An express north south and return service could be based on the stops of the 0533 from Holyhead.
- There needs to an express service allowing people to travel from north to south and returning in one day without missing a third of a night's sleep and then getting home late.
- The National Assembly needs to discuss with all Wales groups within the public, private and third sector to try and find an acceptable three to four hour slot for meetings bearing in mind the above point.

Yours sincerely



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