

Western Gateway Sub-national Transport Body

Statements and Questions to the Board 25th March 2025 with responses

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Question 1

With the government Policy of promoting an intergrated Transport policy in its new white paper.

Why a shortage of Rolling on Arriva 1sq capital cross country trains service to the Region both on the Edinburgh Waverley to Newcastle Central Leeds Sheffield Derby Birmingham New street To both Cheltenham spa Bristol Parkway Bristol Temple meads Taunton. Exeter St Davids .Newton Abbott Plymouth North Road Liskeard Bodmin Parkway, St Austell Truro Redruth St Earth and Penzanc/ Reading Basingstoke and Bournemouth Central routes .

With Arriva Cross country trains arriva 1sq receiving just receiving 3 and now 9 extra units from First Group plc Advati west coast partnership Trenitalia via the Department for transport.

Which replaces the 60 carriages HST trains sold to Mexico by the last government.

But with massive overcrowding on the cross country train Arriva 1sq capital service network to south west England

And a further 8 train units off lease and 2 221 units on short term leam

What progress is being made by with Department for transport secretary of state for Transport Hydi Alexander mp for Swindon and lord Peter Hendy to the further spare train units in service in service on services south west England also to look at the 350 running between Coventry Birmingham New street and Manchester piccadilly.

This would free up trains for Edinburgh Waverley Birmingham New street to Bristol Temple meads Plymouth and Penzance line .

With the south west Region intergrated Transport plan being worked on Peninsula Transport Board also by western Gateway Transport Board.

What progress is being made on protecting Bus and coach station and interchanges facilities like St ives bus and coach station in Cornwall where the waiting room being shut by First group plc and staff made redundant.

Dispite a new bus and coach lay by and shelters being provided at this Transport Interchange with the st ives to St Earth railway line also operated by First group plc Greater Western trains company limited GWR.

On keeping open Padstow historic oid railway station bus Terminal for the important bus links 56 To Newquay Airport Newquay railway station and Newquay bus and coach station.

The 11 Padstow bus Terminal to Wadebridge bus and coach station Bodmin Town Bodmin Parkway railway for main line trains to Penzance bus and coach station and to Plymouth North Road and London Paddington and Birmingham New street and the North.

This station needs accessible lifts

Improvement to Region bus and coach station at Camborne, Taunton Transport hub, Bridgwater bus and coach station Yeovil bus and coach station. Newton Abbott, Paignton bus and coach station/ Railway station interchange.

Plymouth coach station cafe .

What discussion under the buses bill and intergrated Transport plan

To fund National Express coaches limited services example being 503 London victoria coach station to Taunton Exeter bus and coach station Okehampton. Launston Newquay bus and coach station and Penzance bus and coach station.

Their a need for Rural coach services by National express coach services limited Flixbus coaches or stagecoach South west Falcon coaches megabus Scottish City link coaches.

Which was cancelled last summer.

And 515 a service from Southampton coach station to Ringwood meeting house Lane Bournemouth Transport interchange Poole bus and coach station Weymouth Railway station interchange Dorchester South station Bridport bus and coach station Axminster station Exeter bus and coach station Plymouth coach station Liskeard Bodmin Truro bus and coach station Helston and Penzance bus and

There is a need for Cheltenham spa Arles court interchange coach station to be completely opened

With a new cafe Taxis rank and weekend bus link to Cheltenham spa Royal Well bus and coach station/ promenade.

At present there are no Sunday bus connections to the Arles Transport hub

The nearest bus stop being 17 minutes walk from the coach and bus station interchange at Arles court roundabout.

There is a need for Stagecoach west 94 x Gloucester Transport hub to Cheltenham spa Town centre bus service to call this is 24/7 bus operation

and weekends service on Service 99

Cheltenham spa Royal Wells bus station Town centre to Gloucester Transport hub via Cheltenham Hospital Arles court Transport Interchange Gloucestershire Royal Hospital.

Oxford bus company Pulham coaches go ahead group

And a Sunday service on 100 Cheltenham spa Town centre Royal Well bus and coach station, Arles court Transport Interchange

Service k Cheltenham spa Royal Well bus and coach station to Benhall to call

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We need bus coach rail Interchange at Cheltenham spa between Cheltenham Royal Well bus and coach station.

Cheltenham railway station, and Arles court Transport Interchange

Especially with National Express coaches limited and Flixbus coaches starting more services in April and May 2025 stopping at Cheltenham spa Arles court interchange coach station.

Flixbus coaches First group plc South and Wales Buses Division is starting a new coach Network from south West England in May 2025.

From Penzance Bus and coach station Truro bus and coach station, Newquay bus and coach station/ Falmouth University campus bus and coach station. Plymouth North Road, Exeter bus and coach station Taunton BP garage Bristol bus and coach station, Bath spa bus and coach station, Chippenham Gloucester Transport hub and Cheltenham spa Royal Well bus and coach station Swindon bus and coach interchange, Reading, London Heathrow Airport London Hammersmith London Victoria coach station

As well as Bristol bus and coach station to Cheltenham spa Arles court interchange Birmingham bus and coach station Manchester bus and coach station Leeds bus and coach station to Newcastle upon Tyne coach station.

Passengers do need support at these bus and coach stations for passengers with reduced mobility and partly sighted passengers wheelchairs users.

We need an integrated Transport plan for south west England with Peninsula Transport Board and Peninsula Transport Board.

Railway, coach buses trains ferry walking and cycling interchanges

And integrated ticketing.

What progress is Western Gateway making on a Regional bus and coach strategy similar to East of England Regional Transport Board.

