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Freedom of Information Request

I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information request. Your request has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and our information access policy.

You asked for the following information:

- Since running reduced services due to lockdown, how much of your rolling stock has Transport for Wales upgraded and repaired?

Having reviewed your question, we are able to provide the following information:

The TfW train fleet has seen reduced usage as a result of the reduced COVID-19 service. The pandemic has presented many challenges within our maintenance depots for the following reasons:

- Increased staff absence due to self-isolation and illness
- Social distancing restrictions on the depots
- Enhanced cleaning requirements
- Significant supply chain delays restricting spares availability
- Delays to introductions of new fleets continuing to absorb technical staff time.

In spite of this and similar challenges faced by our suppliers, we have been able to continue all ongoing enhancement programmes and have even carried out additional works on certain units. Some of the main programme work we have continued to progress are as follows: -

- Completion of PRM disabled accessibility works on our class 150 fleet (36 units)
- Completion of PRM disabled accessibility works on the 13x class 153s to remain in the fleet long term
- Completion of the Wheel Slip Protection fitment on the class 150 fleet to improve resilience through leaf-fall
- Continuation of the refurbishment on our class 175 long distance fleet (14 out of 27 units now complete)
- Completion of external repaint on our class 158 fleet and commencement of internal refurbishment (7 out of 24 units complete)
- Completion of 8 out of 9 class 769 units which will be entering service later this year after completion of driver training to replace our Pacer trains
- Delivery of 2 out of the 5 class 230 units for the Wrexham – Bidston route, with the other 3 to follow by the end of the year for entry into service next year
- Completion of modification works on our 3x Mark 4 sets to allow entry into service early next year following completion of driver training.

I hope this information is of use to you.

Yours sincerely,

Transport for Wales