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Periodic Review 2008: Network Rail's outputs - network availability

On 31 August 2007 we published a consultation document on Network Rail's outputs¹. As part of this document we discussed the issue of 'network availability' and the need for an indicator to measure the effect of disruption from the point of view of operators and the final customer.

In the document we specifically asked for views on:

- Our proposal to introduce a new output on network availability; and
- The importance of the ability to disaggregate any measure and include targets in Network Rail's business plan

Then, on Friday 21 September we held a workshop at which we described recent progress on the development of the measure.

However, we thought it would be useful to provide more detail to all consultees about the emerging findings from the work.

We are therefore publishing the Option Assessment Report [http://www.rail-reg.gov.uk/upload/pdf/pr08_sdg_ntwkav-sep07.pdf] which our consultants Steer Davies Gleave have recently produced. Chapter 4 sets out the proposed 'primary' metrics to measure network availability and chapter 5 sets out 'secondary' metrics that could help in monitoring progress.

¹ Periodic Review 2008: Network Rail's outputs – a consultation document, Office of Rail Regulation, August 2007. This document can be accessed at: <http://www.rail-reg.gov.uk/upload/pdf/338.pdf>

We hope you will find the time to respond to the outputs consultation. When you do so, in addition to responding to the two questions in the consultation document, we would also appreciate your views on the specific proposals in chapters 4 and 5 of the SDG report. This would help us bring the work to a conclusion in good time to implement the agreed measure(s) for the next control period.

Details on who you should write to are contained in the outputs consultation document.

Thank you for your input.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Larkinson', written in a cursive style.

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