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SOUTHERN DRIVERS
COMPANY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER.

2010 PAY CLAIM.

We met with Southern on the 22nd September to formally open pay discussions. Both side outlined their position and it has been agreed that further discussions will take place on the 13th October. We will keep members advised of developments.

Seats on Class 377 Units.

Following a report to our Executive Committee, a meeting was arranged in August with District Organisers and Company Councils who represent members who experience the same issues with these seat types.

As a result of the meeting, our General Secretary has written to the Companies advising ASLEF requires they find an alternative acceptable seat. The Southern working party will shortly be visiting a factory that construct seats to view possible replacements. A report will then be made to both Southern and our Executive Committee on our findings.

Toilet breaks within diagrams.

This has been the subject of discussions with Southern. The intention is provide drivers with adequate time in diagrams with a toilet break. This could be either a toilet situated at stations or in Train Crew accommodation.

Southern have endeavoured to produce diagrams in line with the ORR requirements and recently advised us there are only eight remaining diagrams that are over 4 hours on diagrams made up of units which are not fitted with toilets and they will be altered for the December timetable.

Further discussions will take place concerning diagrams with trains that have toilets on board.

We would like to thank all members and Representatives who have pursued this issue and provided us with the evidence of such diagrams.

Staff Travel Facilities for Non Safe Guarded Staff.

As part of ASLEF's campaign to obtain the same travel facilities for all of our members we raised this matter at our agenda meeting on the 17th September.

At that meeting Southern replied that it was not within their gift to agree to such arrangements. We have now asked the District Organiser to arrange a further meeting under the avoidance of disputes procedure. We will keep you advised of the progress we make on this important issue.

MOBILE PHONE UPDATE.

Southern have advised that our mobile phones will be up dated by the end of the year and all relevant phone numbers installed. Although the phones will be updated with generic numbers, they will also have additional numbers added on a depot specific basis.

On another point, it has recently been pointed out to us that the number being advertised in our driving cabs for dealing with faults and failures is not obtainable. We would like to point out that this number is already programmed into your phone under ISFM.

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