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SOUTHERN DRIVERS  
COMPANY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER.

## **Pay Claim 2012.**

We were due to meet with Southern on the 24th October to discuss our pay claim. the meeting was postponed following the DfT putting the franchise bid on hold, a further has been rearranged for the 12th November.

## **Seats.**

We met with Southern on the 24th October to discuss the outcome of the latest seat and DSD trials performed by Ergonomist, David Hitchcock. The report produced from Mr. Hitchcock gave a detailed breakdown in the results of the trial. The trial basically covered two areas. Firstly, reduced DSD pressure with the current Southern seat fitted to Class 377 units. Secondly, reduced DSD pressure with a Move seat, which is fitted on Class 379 units.

Following discussions, we have asked Southern to carryout additional trials with the Move seat and reduced DSD pressure in six driving cabs for three months from January next year. We believe that for drivers to be able to make a comparison, one cab end should be fitted with the move a seat and also be modified with the reduced DSD pressure. We have suggested the trials should include one 2-car 171 unit, one 4-car 171 unit, 377/1, 377/2, 377/3 and a 377/4 units.

## **Class 313 Units.**

Southern have advised us they will soon be modifying both cab ends of one 313 unit as a trial to improve leg room for drivers. The modification will include removing the horn cowell underneath the drivers desk and 7cm being removed from the front of the desk.

## **GPS Problem Platform 11, Victoria.**

As you may be aware, there have been instances when the train doors on a 377 unit close after a driver has removed the master key. This has been reported on a number of occasions and we have recently been advised investigations have found this is caused by a GPS signal drift. This is now being rectified by a software upgrade. To date, 60 units have been upgraded. Drivers may still encounter this problem until the upgrade has been completed and should continue to report it in the normal way.

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