

17 August 2021

Dear Mr Blackburn

I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information request in relation to diesel engines on our 801 Class trains.

For clarity your request was:

I would like to request a full list of all occasions since the 801 trains were introduced that an 801 has utilised its diesel engine. Please include the date and the unit number(s) involved and a very brief description of what happened (for example an overhead power line failure etc) and the locations and stations that the emergency diesel engine on the 801 was used between.

Unfortunately, the information you requested is not recorded. The engine on the 801's is not particularly small; it just has a limited fuel supply. It is not designed for emergency purposes only and is often used to move units around depots where there is limited or no electrification.

We do not specifically record the times any engine is used, if the engine is used in an emergency it would be incorporated into the overriding incident. It would be difficult to ascertain how often the engines are used in an emergency and we do not collate that information as standard in the Performance Team

If you are not content with this response, you have the right to ask for a review. In the first instance you should contact me again to request this. If you choose to exercise that right, and are not satisfied with the outcome of the review, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner by contacting:

The Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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

Abigail Coates
London North Eastern Railway Limited