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As an ex-user of the sleeper service from London Euston to Fort William, I read with interest that The Scottish Government will match the £50 million provided The Chancellor for new sleeper stock.

Transport Scotland has invited passengers views on the subject.

The reason why I have stopped using the service is on cost grounds, and the shoddy condition of the stock.

The current cost of a single first class [for exclusive use of a cabin] is £158, this brings the cost of a return trip to £316.00, and this is an advance ticket !!

An advance single is £63.60 [shareing a cabin], £127.20 return. This is much more reasonable, but £316.00 is to expensive for single travellers.

I now travel on day time service with Virgin to Glasgow, then onto Fort William. But this takes up most of the day. I prefer overnight travel on the sleeper.

The last time I travelled on the sleeper with my wife in 2010, one lounge car was open from Euston, and became over crowded, the other two had no power and were closed. On the return trip from Fort William, no food was available, we were told to buy our food from Asda, next door to the station.

The wash bason smelled of mold, and the toilet was not cleaned.

I would return to sleeper travel overnight to Fort William if the cost was more reasonable, and the coaching stock was as good as French rail.

First class should cost £100.00 single ticket, £200.00 return.

I hope my comments are acted upon, and Scot Rail told reduce the fares to a more reasonable cost.