

On February 19 the Joint Board of Eurotunnel met to appoint **Jacques Gounon** as Chairman. A non-executive Director since December 17 2004, he succeeds **Jacques Maillot** who has stepped down at his own request and remains a non-executive Director (p7).

Graeme Bunker has joined Arriva Trains Wales as Deputy Managing Director and Customer Operations Director. He was formerly Regional Director, Western England, at SRA. **Richard Roxburgh** has been appointed Finance & Commercial Director, and **Ian Papworth** is Fleet Director.

Russ Cunningham has been appointed to the new role of Head of Railway Planning at ATOC, where he will support TOCs in planning future train services with Network Rail and in the production of Route Utilisation Strategies. He

was formerly Strategic Development Director at Virgin Trains. Formerly Deputy Managing Director of transport public affairs consultancy The Waterfront Partnership, **Steve Bramall** has been appointed as Director of Public Policy, also a new post. **Chris Querée** has been promoted to Head of Systems Innovation, Rail Settlement & Ticketing Systems, responsible for planning the deployment of new systems such as e-ticketing and smart-cards across the network.

ATOC has announced the appointment of **Kate Bonsor** as Quality Control Manager (UK) for National Rail Enquiries. She was formerly Quality Manager at the NRE call centre in Derby. Quality Control Manager (India) **Micky Ball** will be based in that country, responsible for service quality at the call centres in Bangalore and Mumbai.

Alistair McPhee has been appointed General Manager, Mainline, at Westinghouse Rail Systems Ltd, which has reorganised its activities into two commercial divisions concentrating on the heavy rail and metro sectors. **Charles Riley** has

been appointed General Manager, Mass Transit. The divisions will be supported by central functions including Strategic Marketing led by **John Clark** and Engineering under **Colin Brown**.

Bob Gough has been appointed to the new post of Operational Security Manager at Serco Docklands. He joined the DLR operating company in January, having worked for British Transport Police as Crime Reduction & Architectural Liaison Officer.

Mike Jenkins has been appointed Director of Parsons Brinckerhoff Rail, Europe, Africa & Middle East. He was formerly Project Manager for Parsons Brinckerhoff on the West Coast Route Modernisation programme, where he was also Head of Scope & Integration.

Helen Smith has joined GoSkills (RBI239 p3) as Business Adviser, South East. She was previously a Senior Workforce Development Adviser for the Learning & Skills Council in London and the South East. **Carole Essex** has been appointed Commercial Manager.

Doomsday scenario revealed

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harder, the fall-back position ('an alternative, but much less preferred, approach'), would have been to add a sentence 'along the lines of it should be noted however that this scenario did not take account of any further debt financing of renewals, and therefore overstates the effects'.

DfT was also concerned about the onus that would be placed upon itself by the inclusion in the NOS of a list of enhancement projects, accompanied by a statement that 'during the Interim Review period the SRA expects implementation works to be in hand'.

The e-mail continued 'given the known affordability con-

straints, this unnecessarily raises expectations. [Name of SRA official deleted] will have heard this morning from [name of HM Treasury official deleted] that the Treasury similarly wants to see the list removed. It should be possible simply to cross-refer to the Strategic Plan and say that this specification is consistent with it.'

While primarily of historic interest, these documents do explain DfT's enthusiasm for the new Railways Act to require the Secretary of State to specify publicly the outputs required plus the funding available from the Treasury. Even so, similar behind-the-scenes exchanges are likely if there is a mismatch between the two. ■

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