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A Bill to authorise Great British Railways, the new state-owned holding company for the UK's rail infrastructure is due to be included in the Queen's Speech this morning.

An article in the i newspaper says it is one of at least 14 pieces of legislation designed to reset the government and convince MPs that Boris Johnson is on the right track.

The article says the Railways Bill will define GBR's abilities and responsibilities

The RMT union says it thinks it will only reward private operators.

In a first for rail freight in Britain, Network Rail has joined with key industry partners to tackle delays and safety risks in a boost for the country's thriving freight sector.

Data analysis by Network Rail, freight operators and the Rail Safety and Standards Board (RSSB) has shown that most delays on the freight network are due to wagon defects, including various brake faults, wheel faults, decoupling and door faults.

The Condition of Freight Vehicles on the Network (CFVN) programme – funded by Network Rail's £20 million Freight Safety Improvement Portfolio (FSIP) – has developed processes for train preparation, wagon maintenance and the important role human factors play in performing safety critical tasks to reduce risk and improve performance across the network.

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Renowned as the leading one-stop-shop event for the entire railway industry in the UK, Railtex / Infrarail is

today getting underway.

Taking place from 10-12 May at Olympia London, the popular exhibition will once again bring the entire rail supply sector together, presenting the latest developments in sustainable and smart rail operations.

Exhibits cover everything from rolling stock technology, track, and infrastructure, to signalling and communications, and vehicle maintenance equipment.

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Great Western Railway (GWR) and the Department for Transport have commissioned suicide prevention charity Samaritans to lead a new research study on mental health and wellbeing support for the rail industry, in partnership with Mental Health at Work.

With the impact of two years working in a pandemic and uncertainty and change on the horizon for the rail industry, the study comes at a crucial time; when support for the sector is needed now more than ever.

Working with Mental Health at Work, Samaritans' study will provide good practise recommendations for mental health provision, so that the industry can raise awareness for their staff and support those experiencing mental illness. It will aim to highlight existing barriers, as well as encourage a culture shift to destigmatise conversations around mental health.

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