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Dear Mrs Ellman

ROAD CASUALTY STATISTICS

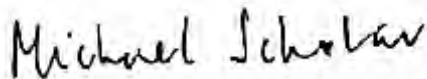
The Statistics Authority was grateful for the Committee's comments about the Authority in its Fourth Report of Session 2009-10 on the *Performance of the Department for Transport* (HC 76). I would particularly like to thank the Committee for its remarks about the assessment we recently carried out on road casualty statistics, and for the opportunity the Committee gave to our Head of Assessment, Richard Alldritt, to provide oral evidence during the course of the Committee's inquiry in November 2009.

At paragraph 52 of the Committee's report, the Statistics Authority was invited to undertake a specific investigation into the extent to which the Department for Transport has sought an explanation for the unexpected divergence between the number of people killed and those seriously injured in road accidents.

I can confirm that the Authority will be pleased to undertake to produce such a report for you. My office will continue to liaise with the Clerk to the Committee and her team about the timing and form of the report.

If we can be of any other assistance in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Sir Michael Scholar KCB