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Dear Colin,

Thank you for your letter of 2 December about the recent analysis you have carried out into the differing experiences and outcomes of motorcycles and car licence holders.

I can assure you, the issues you have raised are important to this Department and the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA). As you are aware, along with the DVSA this Department is currently establishing a new motorcycle strategy group which will consider developments affecting road safety, and the training and testing for riders in the motorcycle sector.

I understand you have been part of the early discussions about the formation of this group, and I am pleased the Motorcycle Action Group (MAG) has agreed to be represented at this important forum.

Establishing the number of riders who rely on just compulsory basic training (CBT) to ride should be useful to help inform future discussions and analysis, although bringing all this information together will be challenging. The data the DVSA holds is increasing following the introduction of electronic returns for those who complete CBT.

As far as a full review of the motorcycle licencing regime is concerned this may become one of the outcomes of the newly forming strategy group. Please rest assured MAG, along with other important key stakeholders, will be involved in any future work.

The DVSA work closely with the Young Rider Forum who play an important role in looking after the interests of new young riders and in helping them to stay safe.

The DVSA will continue to support the good work of all involved in that scheme which I understand MAG are involved in.

Thank you for taking time to write and I look forward to hearing about the progress being made in due course.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Holden', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

RICHARD HOLDEN MP

MINISTER FOR ROADS AND LOCAL TRANSPORT