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Dear Jonathan

PETITION PE1236 A90/A937

I refer to the above subject and your correspondence dated 01 April 2009.

Having studied the petition, I offer the following information.

In relation to the request for statistics relating to the last 10 years, I have obtained data from the Grampian Police Accident File system during 1999 - 2008 (1 Jan-31 Dec) for Road Traffic collisions occurring on the A90 around the junctions at Laurencekirk.

I have broken down the data to show prevalent times, days and months, age ranges and causation factors.

The data takes into account collisions that have occurred within 500 metres of the north junction between the A90 and the A937 at Keilburn and 500 metres of the south junction between the A90 and the A937 to Montrose.

	Collisions (Casualties)										Total
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
Fatal	-	-	-	2 (3)	-	1 (1)	-	-	-	-	3 (4)
Serious	1 (1)	-	2 (3)	-	1 (1)	1 (3)	4 (5)	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	13 (17)
Slight	1 (2)	3 (8)	3 (6)	2 (5)	-	1 (2)	2 (3)	2 (5)	3 (5)	4 (6)	21 (42)
Total	2 (3)	3 (8)	5 (9)	4 (8)	1 (1)	3 (6)	6 (8)	4 (7)	4 (6)	5 (7)	37 (63)

The days with the highest level of collisions are Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Each of these days recorded 19% of all collisions.

The times of days with the highest level of collisions are 1200 -1400 hours and 1600 -1800 hours with 22% and 19% of collisions within these time periods respectively.

Overall 51% of collisions occurred within the 1200 -1800 hour time period.

The months with the highest level of collisions are September and December with 16% and 19% respectively of collisions being recorded during these months.

Male to female driver split has been 72%:28% over the last 10 years.

16-25 year old drivers are recorded as being involved in the highest level of collisions within the review area. 24% of all drivers in collisions have been within this age range with a further 22% being within the 26-35 age range.

Changes were made to causation factors around 2004 and as this data takes account of collisions that have occurred over the last 10 years, the changes have had an influence in this area. As a number of factors were introduced in this period and a number removed, I have merged the factors to ensure the causations provided are as accurate as possible.

Of all causation factors detailed on the collisions poor turn or manoeuvre (previously turning right at a junction without due care and crossing at a road junction without due care) and failure to look properly are most commonly detailed.

There does not seem to be any connection between the weather and road surface conditions to collisions occurring. The majority of collisions (78%) occurred when the weather was fine and 54% occurred with a dry road surface.

Since the safety measures were installed in 2005, there have been no fatal collisions on this stretch of the A90.

- Grampian Police carry out analysis of the previous 5 years collision data to assist in driving the Force education and enforcement strategies. This data analysis identifies our target groups in terms of both education and enforcement. Data analysis also informs, on a monthly basis, the routes where high visibility patrolling can have the most impact on injury collisions and assist in identifying the drivers who are most likely to have collisions.
- Our staff use a balance of education, enforcement and encouragement in the pursuance of casualty reduction on these routes and with the identified target groups.
- Working together with the North East Safety Camera Partnership, we carry out speed enforcement on this stretch of road in an effort to reduce the number of persons killed or seriously injured.
- Our staff engage in high visibility patrols at the relevant times which, by providing a visible presence, ensures motorists focus on their standard of driving and therefore drive safely.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Inspector Ian Wallace
Head of Roads Policing