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Dear Louise

Thank you for your letter of 4 June 2018 to Chris Grayling, enclosing a Regulation 28 report on the investigation into the death of Imtiaz Mohammed. I apologise for the delay in replying.

I am very sorry to hear of the tragic death of Mr Mohammed and the deaths of the others involved in the accident in question, for which I offer my sincere condolences to their family and friends.

I have noted the detail of your report with interest, particularly your view that action should be taken to monitor and test whether taxi drivers are over the drug limit while driving.

At the present time, there are no plans to introduce mandatory drug screening procedures for professional drivers. Police already have powers to stop drivers at the roadside if they believe that the driver is impaired by drugs (such as cocaine and cannabis) or alcohol and to charge them if they are found to be driving while unfit, through drink or drugs.

A copy of your Regulation 28 report for this case is with policy officials in the Department dealing with drug driving, and will be considered as part of their continuing work in this area.

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