Alison Mutch OBE
HM Senior Coroner
Coroner's Court
1 Mount Tabor Street
Stockport
SK1 3AG

9 November 2018

Dear Mrs Mutch,

Thank you for your letter and Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths, dated 28
September 2018, following your investigation and inquest into the death of Mr Donald Peter
Berry on 23 August 2016, who died due to injuries and subsequent ongoing health
complications from an accidental electrocution by a high voltage power line whilst working at
the Kendal Calling Festival. I am responding as the Minister responsible for Product Safety
Policy.

I would first like to say how sorry I was to hear about this grievous incident. If you have the
opportunity, please convey my deepest sympathies to Mr Berry's family.

I note that in your report you identify that the organisers of the event did not properly consider
the health and safety risk of high voltage electrical installation at the place of the event. This is
not an issue relating to the safety of an electrical appliance, which would fall within my
Department's remit. As this is a health and safety at work issue, it falls within the remit of the
Health and Safety Executive (HSE), who are sponsored by the Department for Work and
Pensions. I note you have sent this notice to the Acting Chief Executive of the HSE. My
officials have contacted the Principal Inspector at the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) to
inform him of your letter.

I understand that the Principal Inspector will be responding shortly. If you would like to get in
contact with him directly, his details are as follows:

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Entertainment, Leisure, Commercial and Consumer Sector
Health and Safety Executive
19 Ridgeway
9 Quinton Business Park
Quinton
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Yours sincerely

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