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Dear Mrs Hunt,

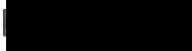
Thank you for your letter of 26 November 2019 to the Secretary of State, enclosing Regulation 28: Report to Prevent Future Deaths regarding Suzanna Jayne Bull (deceased). I am replying as the Minister responsible for this issue.

Further to the Regulation 28 Report you listed some matters of concerns and your opinion that action should be taken. Several actions are planned, although the Department does not have a locus to require warning messages to be placed on aftermarket dashboard trays to indicate they may block visibility during driving (particularly if substantial objects are put on them).

During the next few weeks:

- the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) will circulate an update to its distribution list of haulage operators' information that will state that aftermarket dashboard trays breach testing rules and should be removed when heavy goods vehicles are being driven;
- the DVSA will publish similar information on the gov.uk website;
- DVSA compliance officers will be made aware of this specific issue in the context of roadside checks (with instances already being liable to be dealt with); and

- the Department for Transport will make umbrella bodies (in addition to the Road Haulage Association to whom you sent your letter) such as the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Trades and the Freight Transport Association aware of the areas of concern in your report and seek they also transmit information to their members.

I am grateful for your report and the associated letter from 

Yours,

Charlotte

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