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Dear Feras,

**ORR Quality Assurance of Smart Motorways Second-Year Progress Report data and evidence – scope of independent review**

Following discussions between ORR, National Highways and the Department about the role ORR could undertake in the quality assurance of the safety data contained in National Highways 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Progress report, I am writing to formalise the request and confirm the scope and timetable for the work.

Please find attached a document which sets out the detailed scope working level of ORR's processes on the data assurance work. As stated in the document, National Highways will release the 4<sup>th</sup> line assured data, supporting information and final draft report to ORR on 8<sup>th</sup> March. ORR will need to provide to the department a draft review summary/report by 22<sup>nd</sup> March. It is anticipated that that Second Year Progress report will be published by the end of April.

I appreciate that ORR has agreed to undertake the work this year using in-house resources and at no additional cost. I would be happy to have discussions about any further work for ORR in relation to any future annual reports and the associated resource requirements.

Yours sincerely,

**Helen Ramsden**