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Dear Feras,

ORR Quality Assurance of (1) Smart Motorways Third-Year Progress Report and (2) Smart Motorways Before vs. After 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 3rd Year Progress report and the Before vs. After 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 4th line assured data, supporting information and final draft report to ORR on 3rd February. ORR will need to provide to the Department a draft review summary/report by 17th March. It is anticipated that that the Third Year Progress report and Before vs. After will be published together by the end of May. I am also attaching an overview of the data sources that will support this work.

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