7 July 2020

All Tynwald Members
(by email)

Dear Mr President, Mr Speaker, Honourable Members,

Follow up to Oral Question 1, House of Keys, Tuesday 23 June 2020

At the Keys sitting of Tuesday 23 June 2020 I undertook to follow up on a request from Mrs Barber for the number of Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) that have occurred in the last 3 years on derestricted roads, where speed was identified as the primary cause.

Prior to 2019, data on RTCs was collected using single ‘cause’ codes which meant Police officers investigating collisions could only identify a single causal factor for collisions. In practical terms, RTCs are in most cases caused as a result of a number of contributory factors and so this original approach to reporting means that collisions where speed was a contributory factor were under recorded.

In order to better understand the causal factors for road traffic collisions in the Isle of Man in line with the Road Safety Strategy, the Constabulary, working with the DOI, developed a new methodology for reporting road traffic collisions that resulted in personal injury, based on the United Kingdoms’ STATS20 approach. This approach allows a more detailed collection of data to inform an evidence-based approach to improving road safety.

This means that more accurate data relating to speed is only currently available from the beginning of 2019 onwards. 2020 data is currently being compiled, but is delayed due to COVID-19. I am able to provide information for the year 2019 overleaf. The table shows the number of injury collisions recorded by posted speed limit where speed and/or loss of control was a contributory factor for 2019.
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<th>Speed Limit</th>
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<td>No of injury collisions¹</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>5</td>
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Kind regards

[The Chief Minister's signature redacted]

¹ Please note: Loss of control collisions are included even if speed is not listed as a contributory factor. In most instances, a loss of control indicates that speed is part of the circumstances leading to the collision.