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Our Ref: Car door bill 2012

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Dear Mr McDonald

Thank you for your letter dated 4 May 2012 regarding the Inquiry into the Road Safety Amendment (Car doors) Bill 2012 with the transcript of the hearing and a request for more information.

I confirm that the transcript requires no changes.

As indicated in your letter two matters for VicRoads were taken on notice during the hearing. The responses are provided here.

1. Statistical information relating to the frequency of dooring incidents being caused by the actions of drivers versus passengers.

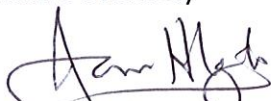
Between 2007 and 2011 ten per cent of all cycling casualties reported to police occurred as a result of a car door being opened into the path of a bike rider. During the same period 75 per cent of all collisions from a car door being opened into the path of a bike rider occurred as a result of the driver door being opened, and 25 per cent occurred as a result of another door (a passenger door) being opened. The attached tables provide more detail on these crashes.

2. Statistical information relating to instances where drivers or passengers are injured when there is a collision with a cyclist.

Between 2007 and 2011 of the casualties in police reported data, 31 drivers and 13 passengers were seriously injured as a result of a collision with a bike rider. Over the same time 232 drivers and 22 passengers suffered a minor injury as a result of a collision with a bike rider. There were no reported fatalities.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Yours sincerely



**JAMES HOLGATE**  
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**Number of Cyclists killed or Injured as a result of Driver opening car door**

Year	Killed	Seriously Injured	Other Injuries	Total casualties
2007		27	56	83
2008		23	50	73
2009		45	77	122
2010	1	29	95	125
2011		32	85	117
2007 -2011 Total	1	156	363	520

**Number of Cyclists killed or Injured as a result of Passenger opening car door**

Year	Killed	Seriously Injured	Other Injuries	Total casualties
2007		5	17	22
2008		9	15	24
2009		8	41	49
2010		7	29	36
2011		11	32	43
2007 -2011 Total	0	40	134	174

**Total number of Cyclists casualties**

Year	Killed	Seriously Injured	Other Injuries	Total casualties
2007	6	502	764	1272
2008	9	489	855	1353
2009	6	460	992	1458
2010	8	390	1063	1461
2011	8	398	1081	1487
2007 -2011 Total	37	2239	4755	7031

## Other Road User casualties as a result of collision with Cyclists

### Drivers

Year	Killed	Seriously Injured	Other Injuries	Total casualties
2007		5	39	44
2008		6	51	57
2009		8	37	45
2010		6	57	63
2011		6	48	54
2007 -2011 Total		31	232	263

### Passengers

Year	Killed	Seriously Injured	Other Injuries	Total casualties
2007		2	3	5
2008			7	7
2009		5	6	11
2010		3	2	5
2011		3	4	7
2007 -2011 Total		13	22	35

### Pedestrians

Year	Killed	Seriously Injured	Other Injuries	Total casualties
2007		9	15	24
2008		8	9	17
2009		2	8	10
2010		6	15	21
2011	1	4	10	15
2007 -2011 Total	1	29	57	87

### Motorcyclists

Year	Killed	Seriously Injured	Other Injuries	Total casualties
2007		1	2	3
2008		3		3
2009		4	2	6
2010	1	1		2
2011		2	4	6
2007 -2011 Total	1	11	8	20