Transport Scotland Reported Road Casualty Statistics - Developments over the last 12 months

1. This paper sets out some of the key developments in road accident statistics over the last 12 months for the information of LGRAS members.

Publications

2. Key Reported Road Casualties 2011 will be published on Monday 20th June 2012. Reported Road Casualties Scotland 2010 was brought forward to October 2011 and published on Tuesday 25th October. The late October publication date will remain for RRCS 2011. Copies of the publications can be found here:

http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/analysis/statistics/publications

UK Statistics Authority Assessment.

3. Transport Scotland Statistical outputs, including Key Reported Road Casualties and Reported Road Casualties Scotland were assessed in the Autumn of 2010. The UK Statistics Authority report on the assessment is available at:


4. The statistical outputs passed the assessment subject to meeting a small number of requirements. At the time of the LGRAS meeting last year, all but one of these had been completed (See under counting note below). With the publication of the under counting paper, these have all now been completed and the UK Statistics Authority have now written to Transport Scotland to confirm the retention of National Statistics status. A copy of the letter is available on the UK Statistics Authority website at:


5. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback to the UK Statistics Authority as part of the assessment process.

Under Counting of Reported Road Casualties.

6. One of the requirements from the UK Statistics Authority Assessment was to publish an estimate of under counting. A first draft of this paper was discussed at the LGRAS meeting last year. A link to the draft paper is here:

http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/analysis/statistics/scotstat/LGRASpaper1

7. Feedback from the meeting and further discussion with stakeholders resulted in a revised version of the paper being included as an analytical article in Reported Road Casualties Scotland 2010. This can be found at:

8. The analysis uses Stats 19 data, Survey data from the Scottish Household Survey and research evidence to provide an estimate of levels of under counting. Whilst the Stats 19 data remains the best and most reliable data source for injury road accidents and casualties, the paper aims to provide contextual information to help users better understand the figures.

9. There are no plans to update this paper in the short to medium term.

**Transport Scotland website.**

10. As Transport Analytical Services are now part of Transport Scotland, work was undertaken last summer and autumn to move the Transport Statistics content from the Scottish Government website to the Transport Scotland Website. This move gave us the opportunity to redesign the layout and structure of the pages to improve usability and accessibility.

11. The new pages were launched in October with Reported Road Casualties Scotland the first publication to appear on the new website. In future all Transport Statistics publications and news releases will appear on the TS website and not on the Scottish Government pages. The transport statistics pages can be found at:


12. This is not the end of the work and we will continue to make improvements over the coming months. If anyone has any feedback or comments, please get in touch either by phone or email.

**Transport Statistics User Consultation.**

13. We are currently conducting a consultation on the Transport Scotland statistical publications, dissemination methods and outputs we produce in order to make improvements to these which better meet the needs of our wide range of users. This consultation includes Key Reported Road Casualties and Reported Road Casualties Scotland as well as seeking feedback on the new Transport Statistics web pages.

14. If you have not already done so, we would be grateful if you could spare some time to complete the [online survey](#) to tell us what you think about our products.

**Transport Statistics work plan**

15. The draft Transport Statistics work plan for 2012/13 has been circulated with the papers for the LGRAS meeting and we would welcome your comments on it.

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