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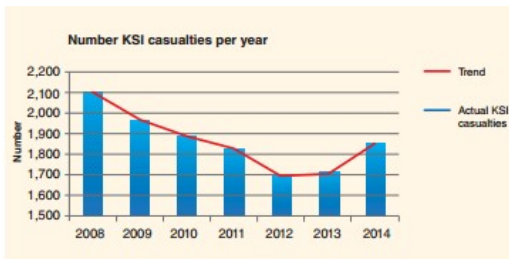
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Dear Mr O'Sullivan,

### Deaths and Seriously Injuries on the HE network

I was interested to read your new publication [Health & Safety – Our Approach](#).



It looks from the graph on page 2, reproduced here, as if there has been a 9% increase in the Killed and Serious Injury (KSI) figure since 2012 reversing a previous steady downward trend.

What immediately struck me was that this coincided with the implementation of the 40%(?) cuts in the network's maintenance budgets. I believe the cuts were rolled out area by area largely during 2013.

When they were announced the [New Civil Engineer reported](#) that *“Contractors say margins will be squeezed and that safety will be compromised.”*

I am sure every possible effort would have been made to ensure road safety was not compromised. However, if you have not already done so, I think it would be worth investigating if there was any link at all between the budget cuts and the increase in the KSI figures.

Can we be really sure that gritting, debris removable and pot hole repairs were being carried out as promptly in 2014 as they were in 2012?

### Deaths and Injuries from Litter Picking

Some good news - I note I that litter picking on HE's motorways continues to be a relatively safe occupation. Please refer to [Highways England network – litter picking – deaths & injuries](#).

I hope this is of help to you.

Kind regards

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