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False claims for speed camera benefit - now it's serious.

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Dear Ms. Gore,

Having now looked in more detail at your Excel spreadsheet of accident and casualty results and claims, I can now **confirm with absolute certainty that you organisation's claims of camera benefit are at best very seriously mistaken and at worst deliberately fraudulent.** This would be unacceptable in any circumstances but because of the risk to which road users are needlessly exposed when road safety spending and policies are based in bogus claims and incompetent analysis it is even worse.

I must therefore **insist that you and your organisation immediately withdraw the claims for camera benefit as set out in your 2010/11 and earlier reports, that you apologise for those false claims and immediately set in place procedures to estimate realistic figures.**

I will send you a more detailed assessment of the issues over the weeken. Please understand that I will do whatever is necessary to ensure that this is done, and that those responsible are brought to book.

Yours sincerely

Idris Francis