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Dear Mr. Hickey,

Thank you for your query concerning bicycle couriers on our roads.

I am acutely aware of the importance of safety for all road users, including cyclists and couriers. My Department continues to work with and fund key stakeholders to address how road users behave on our roads in order to promote a safe and respectful approach from all users sharing the public road space.

In regard to cyclist behaviour on our roads, in 2015 my Department introduced on-the-spot fines for several cycling offences, including cycling 'without reasonable consideration' and 'cycling in a pedestrianised street or area'. Enforcement of our traffic laws is a matter for An Garda Síochána.

Other measures to ensure road safety in our communities include the Road Safety Act 2016 which created legislation to have a 20km/h speed limit, and I hope to see more local authorities making use of this important new provision.

My Department also funds Cycle Right and the Green Schools Travel programmes, which help provide quality cycle training for children, to help ensure the safety of cyclists into the future.



As part of the Programme for Government, my Department has commenced a review of public transport policy "to ensure services are sustainable into the future and are meeting the needs of a modern economy". Work on this policy review is at an early stage and is currently drawing together data and information from many sources.

The review will cover all areas of public transport policy, including the National Cycle Policy Framework. Although there are no immediate plans to introduce any legislation regarding bicycle couriers, we have noted your suggestion.

Again thank you for your correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

Shane Ross
Minister for Transport Tourism and Sport

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