RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE

SUBMISSION FROM THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS

SEATBELTS ON SCHOOL TRANSPORT (SCOTLAND) BILL

Whilst we at the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents are involved greatly in road safety we have no particular expertise in the field of the fitting of seatbelts on school transport.

We would certainly support the fitting and wearing of appropriate restraints on all methods of transport including school transport. There is a weight of evidence to show adult style three point seat belts or in deed lap belts are not appropriate for children under the age of 12 years or 135cm in height. The fitting and use of appropriate child restraints by such individuals in cars has been in law for some time. Any decision to make the fitting and wearing of seatbelts on all transport used for school journeys should acknowledge this.

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