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Dear Richard,

During the debate on Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Tachographs) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2019 I confirmed that I would write to you regarding your question about whether the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) has developed the technology required to remotely monitor data gathered by smart tachographs.

The DVSA's enforcement staff already have a number of tools to effectively target tachograph manipulation and drivers' hours offences which include enforcement checks at the roadside and at operators' premises.

These tools mean it is not currently effective or proportionate to invest large sums in procuring the technology needed to communicate with smart tachographs remotely from the roadside for enforcement purposes.

The technology will remain under consideration as the number of vehicles using smart tachographs increase.

A copy of this letter will be placed in the Library.

*Yours,
Charlotte*

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