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Dears Sirs

I am responding in response to the Coroners concerns raised in his report of 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 following the conclusion of the;

**Inquest touching the death of Mr. Jonathon Edward Ball (deceased)**

I would like to report our actions, as follows, in respect of the concerns raised:

- (1) The concern over a lack of any advance warning aids (such as a warning triangle) has been addressed with the purchase of foldable reflective roadside warning triangles, to be placed within each of our HGVs.  
Instruction to our drivers in the requirement of use (if/when safe to do so) in the event of a breakdown upon the highway where it has not been possible to pull up clear of the highway, has been communicated via a Toolbox Talk and added to the company induction to capture all/any new drivers.  
This action has been instigated and will be complete by end November 2019 or sooner.
- (2) The lack of training/instruction in the requirement of contacting the emergency services should the breakdown of a vehicle occur where it has not been possible to pull up clear of the highway, has been addressed and communicated to current drivers via a Toolbox talk briefing and included with the company driver induction to capture all/any new drivers.  
This action has been instigated and will be complete by end November 2019 or sooner.
- (3) The concerns raised by the evidence, indicating warning lights were not as conspicuous as they might, may have resulted from the adverse weather conditions in the winter season. Drivers have now, via a Toolbox Talk, been instructed to check rear light lenses periodically through their shift and wipe clean when required.  
This again is included within the driver's induction to capture new staff.  
All lights are also checked as working, as part of the existing daily pre-use driver checks.  
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In line with the suggestion of additional/duplicate warning lights, each vehicle is under consideration for fitting of rear auxiliary warning lights either linked to the hazard lights or the amber cab beacon.

Yours faithfully



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