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Dear Roy,

Thank you for taking the time to write to the minister Simon Lightwood about road safety and vehicle lighting, your enquiry has been passed to international vehicle standards division of the Department for Transport as we lead on vehicle construction issues.

The government takes road safety very seriously; it is a complex issue and requires concerted effort from car manufacturers and town planners to drivers and legislators. The recently published road safety strategy goes into further detail about key themes and given your specific interest you will note that there is a published commitment to further research headlamp glare.

[Road safety strategy - GOV.UK](#)

As highlighted in the strategy advances in vehicle construction and technology will play an important part in improving road safety, however there are understandably several evidence-based areas of focus and targets outlined in the strategy to address the deviation you refer to.

In relation to rear facing lamps there are detailed requirements which include maximum intensity that must be satisfied before a vehicle can be sold or registered in the UK.

Finally effective headlamps are vital to ensuring the safety of all road users when driving at night and as mentioned previously work is underway at international level to review what can be done to prevent undue glare from vehicle headlamps.

Yours sincerely

International Vehicle Standards