Mr Speaker, I would like to contribute to the Statement made by the Hon Member on the importance of wearing seat-belts. Mr Speaker, inasmuch as we recognise the value of wearing seat-belts, it seems that the importance is not really filtering out to the general public. In the United Kingdom, for instance, a driver can be fined £500 for not wearing a seat-belt. One can also pay as much for having a child under the age of 14 in a vehicle who is not in the appropriate seat or not wearing a seat-belt.

This is based on many years of scientific research into the impact of a collision when people are in the car and what happens as a result. Mr Speaker, I would also like to suggest that the wearing of seat-belts by all passengers in the vehicle is equally important as it is for those sitting in the front seats. This is because when those seated at the back are not wearing seat-belts, in the event of a collision, what happens is the displacement of bodies from the back to the front which has an impact on those seated in the front and that can cause damage to those who were actually wearing the seat-belts.

So, the wearing of seat-belts for those seated in the back of the vehicle is as important as it is for those seated in the front. Mr Speaker, I would like to urge the public and the Police as well to enforce the wearing of seat-belts and perhaps, the enforcement of spot fines to those who are not wearing seat-belts to make it more of a disincentive for those who are actually not using seat-belts, particularly on long distance travels.

We would find that in the cities as well, we have a lot of these accidents occurring. Mr Speaker, with that, I would like to end my submission. Thank you.