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1. **Why we use ANPR**
   
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2. **How it works**
   
   As a vehicle passes an ANPR camera, its registration number is read and instantly checked against database records of vehicles of interest. The DVLA will take appropriate enforcement action which would range from warning letters, out of court settlements, court prosecutions to the wheelclamping and impounding of vehicles.

3. **Access to stored data**
   
   ANPR data on untaxed vehicles is stored by the DVLA for up to nine months.

   We have clear rules to control access to ANPR data to ensure that access is for legitimate enforcement. Staff only have access to ANPR data if it is relevant to their role.

4. **Camera locations**
   
   In addition to being mounted within DVLA vehicles, ANPR cameras are used at fixed locations throughout the UK where they will help to detect untaxed vehicles.
5. Further information
The Department for Transport (DfT) is the data controller for the ANPR system operated within DVLA. Any requests for information or complaints should be made to Jill Callan, DVL A, Swansea, SA6 7JL.