

**1) How many practical car driving tests take place in the Clacton-on-Sea area on a weekly/annual basis;**

**2) How many driving tests take place in the Essex area on a weekly/annual basis;**

Monthly practical car test statistics are published on our website at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/dsa/Category.asp?cat=760> and it was agreed that statistics in this format would be acceptable. This information is therefore exempt under section 21 (information accessible by other means) of the FoIA. A full breakdown of this exemption can be found at Annex B.

**3) How frequently are emergency braking procedures conducted during these exams;**

**4) When the emergency brake procedure is performed, at what speed would the candidate be expected to begin braking? Alternately, if the emergency brake procedure is performed, are the examiners required to use roads with a speed limit of 30mph?**

To confirm our previous reference to the DT1, an emergency stop should be carried out on a third of tests. We do not specify a speed at which this exercise should take place, but it is not usually less than 20 miles per hour and must be carried out safely where road and traffic conditions are suitable and where there is no danger to following or other traffic.

**5) How many claims have been issued as a result of performing an emergency brake during a driving test;**

We hold records of personal injury claims from candidates. However, none of these are as a result of the emergency brake manoeuvre.

We have records of three personal injury claims from driving examiners which are connected with the emergency brake manoeuvre but two of these cases relate to defective seat belts. You should also note that examiners can submit claims against third parties and whilst we are aware of these in terms of absence and sick pay, we would not be aware as to whether these claims are a result of an emergency stop manoeuvre.

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