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Website: www.gov.uk/browse/driving

Your Ref:
Our Ref: FOIR4236

Date: 6 November 2014

Dear

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your e-mail dated 27 October requesting information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked for:

How many driving licence applications you receive each year from new drivers. I'd like the total number for each year from 1993 to 2014. If this is not possible, from 2003 would be sufficient.

The figures are provided in the table below.

First Provisional Driving Licence Applications 1993 to 2014	
1993	789,660
1994	782,633
1995	817,160
1996	803,599
1997	794,230
1998	785,425
1999	624,266
2000	637,395
2001	739,571
2002	826,011
2003	858,165
2004	883,068
2005	915,827
2006	944,065
2007	978,622
2008	921,198
2009	926,013
2010	931,717
2011	914,559

2012	868,287
2013	874,490
2014	788,021

These figures reflect the position as at 25 October 2014.

I'd also like to know how many of these were from young people, aged 17 to 24.

The attached spreadsheet FOIR4236 – First Apps 17-24 gives the number of First Provisional Driving Licence Applications issued from 1993 to 2014 for 15 to 24 year olds. Please also note that certain driving licences in certain categories (e.g. moped) can be issued to fifteen year old applicants up to two months before their sixteenth birthday. The provisional driving entitlement conveyed by such licences will not commence until the driver turns sixteen. These figures reflect the position as at 25 October 2014.

The information which follows concerns the procedures for making any complaint you might have about the reply. Please quote the reference number of this letter in any future communications about it.

Yours sincerely

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Your right to complain to DVLA and the Information Commissioner

If you are not happy with the reply to your request, you can ask DVLA to re-consider the response you received by writing (within two calendar months of receiving this response) to either foi@dvla.gsi.gov.uk or DVLA Freedom of Information Team, DSPG/FOI, D16, DVLA, Swansea SA6 7JL.

DVLA will acknowledge and consider your request, re-visiting the response provided. This is known as an Internal Review and will be considered by a staff member not involved with the original reply.

If you disagree with the outcome of the Internal Review, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office. Further information can be found via: www.ico.org.uk/concerns/getting Alternatively you may wish to write to: Customer Contact, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.