

**Freedom of Information request - Pearson Driving Assessments Ltd**

**1) What was the date of the award of the original contract to the above company for the driving theory test?**

The original contract was awarded on the 31 October 2003. Full operations commenced on the 4 September 2004.

**2) What was the date/s of extensions to the above contract?**

The contract was awarded for seven years with an option for a three year extension. The contract was extended on 1 September 2009 so that it now expires on 3 September 2014.

**3) Were the contract extensions open tender available to competing companies? If not, why not?**

The extension of the contract was provided for under the provisions of the contract award in 2003 and did not require DSA to re-tender.

**4) What is the date of the next contract renewal or extension and will it be open tender?**

The next contract will run from 4 September 2014. This will be an open tender and we have already engaged with the market through a Prior Information Notice issued on 4 June 2011 in the OJEU and held a potential supplier conference on 28 June 2011.

OJEU stands for Official Journal of the European Union (previously called OJEC - the Official Journal of the European Community). This is the publication which holds all tenders from the public sector which are valued above a certain financial threshold according to EU legislation. More information can be found at <http://www.ojeu.eu>.

**5) What was the billed cost to Pearson Driving Assessments Ltd of the data audit carried out by the DSA following the loss by Pearson Driving Assessments Ltd of some 3 million candidate's records in the USA in 2007?**

The billed cost to Pearson Driving Assessments Ltd of the data audit carried out by the DSA was £461,364.

**6) Has the DSA received any requests from State or Federal Authorities in the USA for access to driving theory candidate information held by Pearson Driving Assessments Ltd in the USA?**

No information is held relating to requests from State or Federal Authorities in the USA.

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