

1. To request for the amount of authorised/delegated driving examiners currently active broken down by Department

The table below shows the number of delegated driving examiners (DDE) that are currently active. It is broken down into the type of organisation that employs DDEs.

Organisation	Number of delegated examiners
Bus Company	64
Road Haulage	1
Police Force	37
Fire Brigade	46

Please note that there are 143 DDEs as five DDE's are registered by two organisations each and, therefore, appear twice in the above figures. This information is correct as of 7 April 2011.

2. To request for the list of Activity Codes currently used by examiners on the CPC4 and DL25 forms

A list of activity codes is supplied at Annex B. Please note that in addition to these codes which are used by both DSA examiners and DDEs, there are additional codes used by DDEs shown in the table below:

Code	Reason
76	test not completed
77	test not started
78	bad weather
79	examiner ill or unavailable
80	bad weather – re-book
81	examiner ill or unavailable - rebook

3. To ask about the current situation with the Southampton large goods vehicle (LGV) test centre and the intention that the VOSA LGV testing station that DSA has a leasing agreement with will soon be closing as part of VOSA's Business Plan for future LGV testing. Does DSA intend to re-locate the Southampton LGV test centre services to another location (such as Lee on the Solent, which is a multi-purpose test centre)?

VOSA has recently entered a programme of testing transformation, reducing the burden on industry by taking their testing closer to the customer through authorised testing facilities (ATFs) located at customer premises. Where VOSA is able to confirm that an area has sufficient ATF coverage it is seeking to close and dispose of its current site.

DSA lease accommodation and a manoeuvring area at many of VOSA's sites, including Southampton. Where VOSA announce the closure of a site which we share then DSA will have to make alternative arrangements for testing provision. We are seeking to follow the VOSA model and conduct more tests from customer premises. If VOSA decide to close their site at Southampton (and the only decision announced in their Business Plan is to commence market validation in the area this year) there are no plans to develop a

permanent replacement DSA test centre. However, we are working closely with VOSA to monitor their progress and inform our priority areas for customer site marketing.

4. To ask how many application forms DSA received in the DE/01/11 Driving Examiner Recruitment Campaign, plus how many were accepted and rejected

6,204 applications were received for the recent driving examiner recruitment exercise. 580 applications were incomplete or the applicant was not lawfully a resident and 114 applications failed eligibility. These figures relate only to the application stage and further selection stages are continuing.

5. To ask what procedure does DSA follow for acquiring Motorcycles for use by its examiners and how often are they replaced.

The currently agreed replacement cycle for motorcycles is to look at replacing each vehicle once it has reached 5 years of age or completed 50,000 miles.

Motorcycles are procured from a framework agreement that was jointly let in September 2009 to BMW and Honda UK. The award of the framework agreement followed an invitation to tender placed in the OJEU (Official Journal of the European Union). The respondents who were all assessed, including riding assessments of the motorcycles to ensure suitability for the work to be undertaken. Assessments were carried out by motorcycle examining staff, training staff and senior members of the motorcycle quality assurance team.

The existing selection of motorcycles is based upon the overall scores derived from the trials mentioned above, where the top scoring motorcycles were selected from the top two manufacturers.

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