Dear Sir

Thank you for your e-mail of 7 September requesting information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked for:

Data on the number of drivers allowed on Britain's roads by DVLA with the corresponding number of points they have.

This information is held and the attached Annex provides the number of current drivers not disqualified or revoked by the number of points held by that number of drivers; this is in accordance with your request. The information provided is correct as at 28 August 2010.

You should be aware that Magistrates' Courts are able to use Sentencing Guidelines published by The Magistrates' Association that provide a framework for magistrates setting out how to establish the seriousness of each case and the most appropriate way of dealing with that case. This ensures that any penalty reflects the seriousness of the offence and the personal circumstances of the offender. DVLA is not privy to the reasons why a Court does/does not order a disqualification.

Where a person is convicted of an offence involving obligatory endorsement DVLA's role is that of record keeper only. We are obliged by law to record endorsement details onto the relevant driver record on receipt of a Court Order. It is not DVLA's role to 'allow drivers onto Britain's roads'. This is strictly a matter for the Courts.

The periods for which endorsements remain on driving licences are set out in law. Section 45 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 specifies that for serious offences such as causing death by careless driving and drink driving offences, the endorsement must remain on the licence and driving record for 11 years. For other offences, which result in

disqualification, the endorsements remain on the licence and record for four years from the date of conviction. For all other cases the endorsement details are held for four years from the date of offence.

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Yours sincerely

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Number of current licence holders not recorded as having been disqualified or revoked

Information correct as at 28 August 2010:

Number of current licence holders not disqualified or revoked	Number of current points
39,911,601	0
3,165,437	3
28,480	4
20,837	5
599,736	6
14,564	7
22,489	8
90,816	9
6,935	10
5,196	11
7,223	12
780	13
942	14
1,115	15
332	16
159	17
264	18
55	19
69	20
47	21
26	22
17	23
31	24
3	25
4	26
7	27
2	28
8	30
1	31
1	32
2	33
1	36