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Our ref: **F0004409**

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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your email of 6th September 2012. We have dealt with this under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked:- I understand Traffic Commissioners may impose conditions on an Operators Licence requiring vehicles to be checked at VOSA premises at specified intervals (Voluntary Check).

Can you please let me know (by Area for each question)

- 1) How many of these checks are carried out by VOSA
- 2) How many of these checks are currently conducted at HGVTs
- 3) How many of these checks are currently conducted at ATF
- 4) Pass rates for VOSA HGVTs (all testing - HGV and PSV {separate figures})
- 5) Pass rates for ATF (all testing - HGV and PSV {separate figures})

Details for 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 are required please.

I have attached two spreadsheets to the covering e-mail. The first (titled ***** F0004409 HGV & PSV) gives details of testing activities in each area. This includes "voluntary" tests and statutory tests by Area. Each year is given in a separate spreadsheet which can be accessed from the tabs at the bottom of the spreadsheet.

Within the second file are details of all voluntary testing activities undertaken by VOSA. Please note we are unable to distinguish between those tests carried out at the request of the Traffic Commissioners and those which have been submitted by operators at their own behest.

You will note that tests have been carried out at three types of facility; ie

Heavy Goods Vehicle Testing Station (HGVTS) - VOSA
owned/leased premises

Designated Premises (DP) - Privately owned facility normally run by an operator where vehicles may be tested. This can be a "closed" facility ie they only test their own vehicles, or it can be open to the public. All testing is carried out by VOSA staff

Alternative Testing Facility (ATF) - Privately owned facility undertaking statutory testing of HGV's and PSV's on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport. All testing is carried out by VOSA staff. Many DP are converting to ATF status.

If you are unhappy with the response provided, you may ask for an internal review. To request an internal review, please write to:

VOSA Corporate Office,
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giving the reasons for your dissatisfaction. It will help us if you quote the reference number for your case.

If you do not agree with the outcome of the internal review, you may lodge an appeal with the Information Commissioner (www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk). The Information Commissioner is an independent official appointed by the Crown to oversee the Data Protection Act 1998, the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us, quoting reference **F0004409**.

Yours sincerely

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