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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your correspondence of 11th July 2010 requesting information, which we have dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for answers to various questions relating to the MOT scheme. I have copied my response below each question.

Q1) How many Mot Test Stations are currently certificated?
Approximately 20,100 active at this time

Q2) How many MOT testers are there currently in the UK?
Approximately 53,000 active testers

Q3) Who runs the smart card computer system?
Siemens

Q4) What is a VT26?
This poster is issued by Siemens and shows the photograph and test classes of each NT authorised to test at a VTS, the test station number and issuing authority. To be displayed on the MOT noticeboard

Q5) What does the TUG Committee Panel stand for?
The TUG (no "Committee Panel") stands for "Trade User Group". This group consists of representatives from the (MOT) trade and is one of the forums with which VOSA interfaces with the trade.

Q6) After a MOT tester has been testing for 5 years what do they have to do remain an active tester?

It is mandatory for all active testers to attend a VOSA refresher course every 5 years to enable them to continue testing

Q7) If an MOT tester has not tested in 6 months, what do they need to do to become active again?

If the MOT tester has not tested for a period between 6 months and 2 years a demonstration test observed by a Vehicle Examiner must be completed before they are allowed to test again. If a tester has not tested for over 2 years then they must attend a Refresher course.

Q8) On average what is the national amount generated from a MOT Test in up sold work in £'s.

This information is not held by VOSA. VOSA set the maximum allowed fee for a MOT (please click [here](#) for current set fees). MOT testing stations may set any price for an MOT test, so long as it does not exceed the maximum set amount.

Q9) In what year is ATL systems going to become a regulation in all testing centres.
No decision has yet been taken on this

Q10) How many Test Stations can a MOT tester be signed on to at once?

A tester can only be logged on to one test at one testing station at any particular time however, there is no limit on the number of sites a tester can be linked to.

Q11) Which area of the automotive industry has MOT testing just become a retail entity?

We're not sure what this question is asking. If you could clarify this question we would be happy to provide you with an answer.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us, quoting reference **F0002763**.

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Yours sincerely

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