



Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your e-mail of 18th May 2011 requesting information, which we have dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for information relating to the number of private vehicle MOT test stations and goods vehicle testing facilities in the UK for each year from 2000 to 2010 and a further breakdown of the classes of vehicle each can test.

The database of garages undertaking MOT testing of cars and motorcycles etc is a "living document". In other words, we only know the precise number of authorised test stations as of now. Each year in the VOSA Effectiveness Report, available on our website, we publish a "snapshot" of the number of garages authorised to conduct MOT testing. The Effectiveness Report for each financial year can be found within the Corporate Reports Suite available on the VOSA website under publications.

VOSA also publishes the number of testing facilities available for HGV testing. In the most recent report, the information can be found in Table 4.18, this can be accessed by clicking on the following link

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/vosa/repository/Small%20Schemes%20and%20Cross%20Scheme%20Miscellaneous.xls>.

The location of VOSA goods vehicle test stations or privately owned Authorised Test Facilities (ATF) or Designated premises (DP) can be found on the Business link portal using the following link

<http://www.transportoffice.gov.uk/crt/doitonline/bl/vosateststationlocations/vosateststationlocations.htm>

Details of all MOT testing activity and details for every test centre (again, this is a "snapshot") are available on the data.gov website. This data can be accessed by

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clicking on the following link

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us, quoting reference **F0003383**.

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

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or email vosa.corporateoffice@vosa.gsi.gov.uk

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

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The Information Commissioner can consider complaints about any aspect of the way in which requests for information have been handled. Please note: the Information Commissioner would be unlikely to consider your complaint if you have not first requested an internal review.

You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

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Water Lane,
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Yours sincerely

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