



# Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

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Dear Mr Mackenzie

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

I refer to your e-mail of 26<sup>th</sup> January 2013. We have dealt with your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You asked for:

1. the number of commercial vehicles under 3.5t which have been issued with a PG9 in the last two years;
2. how many commercial vehicle drivers have been stopped for not wearing a seatbelt in the last two years;
3. how many drivers of under 3.5t have been killed or seriously injured over the last two years; and
4. how many of the above were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver.

In respect of point 1 above, the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) only hold information in relation to vehicles where the vehicle has been stopped and issued with a prohibition (PG9) by VOSA staff. This information is contained in our annual Effectiveness Report which is published on our website. The most recent one for 2011/12 can be found by clicking on the following link (table 27 refers).

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/vosa/repository/2011-2012%20VOSA%20Effectiveness%20Report.xls>.  
VOSA does not have a business need to record whether or not vehicles under 3.5t where inspected are used for commercial or private purposes.

Prohibitions can also be issued by the police, and you would have to contact the relevant force(s) for this information.

Information requested at points 2 to 4 is not held by VOSA. Enforcement of seatbelt legislation (point 2) is a matter for the police, not VOSA. Local forces may also hold information in relation to points 3 and 4. I am also aware that the central Department for Transport collate various statistics in relation to accidents and casualty statistics. They

may be able to help with this information. They can be contacted at the following e-mail address [foi-advice-team-dft@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foi-advice-team-dft@dft.gsi.gov.uk).

If you are unhappy with the response provided, you may ask for an internal review within two months of the date of this letter. To request an internal review, please write to:-

VOSA Corporate Office,  
Berkeley House,  
Croydon Street,  
Bristol,  
BS5 0DA

or email [vosa.corporateoffice@vosa.gsi.gov.uk](mailto: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.

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](http://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.

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:-

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us, quoting reference **F0004726**.

Yours sincerely

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