



Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

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Our ref: **F0005492**

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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your email of the 13th February 2014 we have dealt with this under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You have asked for the following information:

I am making a Freedom Of Information request to establish how many Vehicle Inspection Check (VIC) tests have been carried out in the UK since the scheme's inception in 2003. I would also like to know how many cars have not passed the VIC test in that time, i.e., how many 'clones' have been discovered. I am very worried that this whole scheme is a comprehensive waste of time and money, and so just need some reassurance on the matter.

Full details of VIC results are only held from 2005/6 financial year. For the period 1st April 2005 to 31st January 2014. During this period 840,322 Vehicle Identity Checks have been completed. Of these tests, 837,087 passed, 2,402 were abandoned, 622 passed after rectification of minor problems at the time of test, 193 failed the test, 3 vehicle received prohibition notices, and there are 15 instances where a result has not been recorded. Of all the vehicles which failed the test 33 of these were found to be cloned.

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

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

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.

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.

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

The Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) publishes responses to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which may be of wider interest in a disclosure log on our website. This runs from 1st January 2012, and can be found by clicking on the following link

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/vosa/contactus/freedomofinformationdisclosures/freedomofinformationdisclosures.htm>. Disclosures made before this date (from 2005 onwards) have been archived, but can still be accessed by clicking on the following link <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20121205171206/http://www.dft.gov.uk/vosa/contactus/freedomofinformationdisclosures/freedomofinformationdisclosures.htm>

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us, quoting reference **F0005492**.

Yours sincerely

VOSA Information Access Team