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Dear

I am writing in reply to your request for information, dated 17 March 2006.

As you are aware, the carriage of football supporters is covered by a code of practice. The police inform the regional Traffic Commissioners of any breaches of the code, following which the relevant Commissioner will write to the coach operator concerned, asking for their comments. Where a satisfactory response is received, the Traffic Commissioner will usually take no further action. However, the Commissioner is also empowered to attach conditions to the operator's licence, controlling the times football coaches may leave and arrive. If these conditions are breached, the Commissioner will consider disciplinary action against the licence, including calling the operator to a Public Inquiry. Action is not taken against individual drivers.

VOSA provides administrative support to the Traffic Commissioners. Details of any action taken are attached to individual operator licence files; we do not collate statistics on the numbers of breaches or subsequent disciplinary action. I regret that I am therefore unable to provide the information requested.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us, quoting reference **F0000315**.

Complaints

Details of our complaints procedures are included as a separate attachment.

Yours sincerely

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