



Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

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Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

I refer to your e-mail of 11<sup>th</sup> July 2008 requesting information on the MOT scheme.

All available information is published in our Annual Effectiveness Report, which can be found on our website. The most recent one available is for 2006/7, and can be found by clicking on the link below (Annex C is the relevant part). The total number of garages authorised to carry out MOT's is just over 19000. This number fluctuates around that figure on a daily basis as more garages are approved or cease testing.

<http://www.vosa.gov.uk/vosacorp/repository/Effectiveness%20Report%202006%2007%20.pdf>

VOSA is only involved with vehicles which are over three years old (ie require an MOT test). And therefore we not hold figures for total number of vehicles. You may be able to obtain this information from the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency in Swansea ([www.dvla.gov.uk](http://www.dvla.gov.uk)).

If you are unhappy with the information supplied, you may ask for an internal review. 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.

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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 **F0001368**.

Yours sincerely

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