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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your email of 20th August 2008 requesting information, and our subsequent acknowledgement.

In the period 1st September 2007 - 31st August 2008 there were 871 unique checks site recorded in the Area 11 zone.

For the above period the following checks were carried out. It is not possible to break down figures for the Puddletown site into vehicle which were travelling eastbound or those which were travelling westbound.

Road	Roadworthiness Checks	Mechanical Prohibitions Issued
A303	195	82
A35	30	14
A35 Puddletown Weighbridge	375	162

This compares with 6565 Roadworthiness checks conducted throughout Area 11, resulting in the issue of 3093 Mechanical Prohibitions.

Road	Traffic Examiner Checks	Drivers Hours Prohibitions	Vehicles Weighed	Overloading Prohibitions Issued
A303	288	41	21	13
A35	136	21	12	8
A35 Puddletown Weighbridge	289	38	225	37

For Area 11 there were 3539 Traffic Examiner Checks, with 387 Drivers Hours Prohibitions, of those checks, 1484 involved a weighing, resulting in 389 Overloading Prohibitions being issued.

As clarification, many of the 6665 Roadworthiness checks and 3539 Traffic Examiner Checks would have been on the same vehicle on the same day.

Exact programmes for projected testing at any site are not available in advance for any significant period. However in conversation with my colleagues involved in this area, they expect the number of checks throughout a 12 month period to remain the same as previous years.

VOSA is not in a position to be able to inform you automatically of future results, but if you care to request such information on a six-monthly basis, we should be able to provide this to you.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us, quoting reference **F0001433**.

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Yours sincerely

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