



Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

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Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

I refer to your email of 5<sup>th</sup> March requesting information regarding the MOT scheme.

I can confirm that our records show that there are 19,532 active Vehicle Testing Stations (VTSs) in the UK (figure correct on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009).

Please see the attached list of VTSs (updated March 2009 version). This gives the names, addresses, postcodes and classes tested for all VTSs that are limited companies, plus for those sole traders and partnerships that have given their permission for their details to be disclosed. This list does not give details for all 19,532 stations, as some of these are sole traders or partnerships that have not agreed for their details to be released. You may note that some stations appear more than once. This is because stations are listed against each class of vehicle they have the ability to test. For example, a station that tests classes 4,5 and 7 will be listed three times.

The numbers of MOT tests performed yearly are given in the table below. Please note that these figures were produced from the MOT Computerisation system, which was rolled out in 2005/06. **Implementation was phased across the year, so figures quoted for 2005/06 do not reflect all the tests undertaken.**

<b>Classes</b>	<b>2007/08</b>	<b>2006/07</b>	<b>2005/06</b>
<b>1+2</b>	956,784	946,000	325,600
<b>3+4</b>	27,239,710	26,299,000	12,136,000
<b>5</b>	51,496	51,700	18,200
<b>7</b>	557,650	522,875	133,870

The information given in this table was taken from VOSA Effectiveness Reports, which are published online and can be accessed at <http://www.vosa.gov.uk/vosacorp/publications/corporatereports/corporatereports.htm>

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us, quoting reference **F0001731**.

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Yours sincerely

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