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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your e-mail of 1st May 2009. We have dealt with this request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You asked for:

- The number of MOT testers in the country
- A breakdown of how many testers can test classes I, II, III etc.
- A breakdown of how many tests each tester performed in 2008
- The number of testing stations that test the various different classes of vehicle
- The total number of tests done for each class

I will address each point in order:

1 & 2. The following table shows a breakdown of the numbers of testers who are able to perform each class of test and gives the total number of MOT testers in the MOT scheme (ie. in England, Wales, Scotland).

Test Class Code	Nominated Testers
1	3,583
2	3,582
3	3,755
4	48,496
4A	1,339
5	3,116
5A	1,366
7	41,864
All Testers	51,519

Please note that the number of testers given for each class combined does not give the total number of testers, as some testers are capable of performing tests for more than one class of vehicle.

3. The attached spreadsheet gives the number of MOT tests performed in one column and the number of testers who performed that number of tests in 2008 in the other column. This was one of the formats suggested in your original request.

4. The following table gives a breakdown of the number of vehicle testing stations (VTS) authorised to test each class:

Test Class	Number of VTS
1	1,974
2	1,976
3	971
4	18,774
4A	120
5	1,370
5A	125
7	3,378

Again, please be aware that some testing stations are authorised to test more than one class of vehicle.

5. The following tables give a breakdown of the number of tests performed in each class for the 2008 calendar year:

Year	Pass	Fail	MOT Tests	Failure Rate
2006	18,284,185	8,835,668	27,119,853	32.58%
2007	18,711,342	9,871,924	28,583,266	34.54%
2008	18,956,912	10,486,716	29,443,628	35.62%
2009	6,629,038	3,750,074	10,379,112	36.13%
TOTAL	55,952,439	29,194,308	85,146,747	34.29%

Year	Pass	Fail	MOT Tests	Failure Rate
2006	764,734	160,415	925,149	17.34%
2007	783,338	173,379	956,717	18.12%
2008	804,549	190,478	995,027	19.14%
2009	267,019	64,917	331,936	19.56%
Class 1 & 2	2,619,640	589,189	3,208,829	18.36%

Year	Pass	Fail	MOT Tests	Failure Rate
2006	17,196,550	8,443,094	25,639,644	32.93%
2007	17,587,848	9,438,093	27,025,941	34.92%
2008	17,802,325	10,016,105	27,818,430	36.01%
2009	6,239,421	3,586,701	9,826,122	36.50%
Class 3 & 4	58,826,144	31,483,993	90,310,137	34.86%

Year	Pass	Fail	MOT Tests	Failure Rate
2006	36,690	14,339	51,029	28.10%

2007	36,046	15,361	51,407	29.88%
2008	35,049	17,092	52,141	32.78%
2009	12,143	5,833	17,976	32.45%
Class 5	119,928	52,625	172,553	30.50%

Year	Pass	Fail	MOT Tests	Failure Rate
2006	286,211	217,820	504,031	43.22%
2007	304,110	245,091	549,201	44.63%
2008	314,989	263,041	578,030	45.51%
2009	110,455	92,623	203,078	45.61%
Class 7	1,015,765	818,575	1,834,340	44.63%

To clarify, all test statistics given refer to normal, valid and completed tests. This means that any partial or full retests would be excluded.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number **F0001872** in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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