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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your e-mail of 23rd November 2009 requesting information in relation to checks carried out by VOSA and Operator Licencing. I will deal with the questions you have posed in the same order as your original e-mail for ease of reference.

Q1. How many silent checks are taken per annum?

A1. [Please see table below](#)

Fin Year	Vehicle Type	Description	Number
2008-2009	PSV	SILENT CHECK	94
2008-2009	HGV	SILENT CHECK	608
2007-2008	HGV	SILENT CHECK	817
2007-2008	PSV	SILENT CHECK	174

Fin Year	Description	Number
2007-2008	HGV ACCIDENT INSPECTION	927
2008-2009	HGV ACCIDENT INSPECTION	736
2008-2009	PSV ACCIDENT INSPECTION	300
2007-2008	PSV ACCIDENT INSPECTION	406

Q2. How many visits are then made as a result of the silent checks?

A2. [The number of visits generated as a result of silent checks is not recorded.](#) However, any check undertaken by VOSA will always be a targeting reason for it.

Q3. How many random visits do you make per annum?

A3. [Please see A2. above.](#)

Q4. How many visits are made due to random roadside checks?

A4. [Please see A2. above.](#)

Q5. How many visits are made as a result of Police and Accident requests?

A5. This information is not recorded. However, please see figures at A1 for the total number of Accident Investigations undertaken during 2007/8 and 2008/9. Please note these figures relate to the number of vehicles inspected – ie there could be more than one vehicle inspected in relation to an accident.

Q6. How many Prosecutions do you undertake per annum?

A6. This information is available in our Annual Effectiveness Report which can be found by clicking on the following link.

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/vosa/publications/corporatereports/2008-2009reportsuite/2008-2009reportsuite.htm>

Q7. How many prosecutions resulted in changes to Operators Licences?

A7. Changes to Operator Licences can only be made by the Traffic Commissioner(s)

Q8. How many prosecutions resulted in Operators losing their licence?

A8. The courts cannot take away an Operator Licence. This is done by the Traffic Commissioners. Information on action taken by this regulatory authority can be found in their Annual Report(s) which can be found by clicking on the following link www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roads/tpm/trafficcommissioners/annualreports/trafficcommissioners0809.pdf

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us, quoting reference **F0002279**.

If you are unhappy with the response provided, you may ask for an internal review. To request an internal review, please write to:

VOSA Corporate Office,
Berkeley House,
Croydon Street,
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or email 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). 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:

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Yours sincerely

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