



Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

From: XXXXXX

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Your Ref:

Dear **XXXXXX**

I refer to your recent request from information for ease of understanding I have written the question asked and inserted the answer below.

Q1 How many vehicles have been stopped by VOSA personnel without police assistance since powers were introduced to allow VOSA staff to carry out vehicle stops?

A1 The total number of vehicle checks conducted by VOSA personnel since the powers were introduced in geographic police areas where personnel are authorized is 65,571.

Q2 How many vehicles of each class have been stopped and the reasons for stopping each vehicle if known?

A2 The different classes of vehicles stopped are 29,847 Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV) – vehicle exceeds 7.5t gvw (gross vehicle weight). 9,209 Light Goods Vehicles (LGV) - vehicle exceeds 3.5t gvw but does not exceed 7.5 gvw. 26,515 light vehicles – vehicle does not exceed 3.5t, this will include cars and car derived vans. It is not VOSA's policy to record a reason for stop. VOSA has several static check sites which are used, vehicles are stopped at random, this may be as they travel along the road or roads on which these sites are located.

Q3 How many vehicles have failed to stop for VOSA checks / vehicle stops performed by VOSA without police assistance?

A3 There have been fifty eight (58) instances of vehicles failing to stop for VOSA Powers to Stop authorized personnel.

Q4 Is it possible to get hold of the training given to VOSA staff in stopping vehicles and what level of training do VOSA staff receive in carrying out vehicle stops?

A4 The training given to VOSA staff who are authorized under the Powers to Stop is carried out by North Wales Police Driving School. It is a bought in service for a standard Centrex driving course with mobile and static stopping modules.

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

Yours sincerely

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