



Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

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Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

I refer to your e-mail of 7<sup>th</sup> and my subsequent acknowledgement of 8<sup>th</sup> August 2006 concerning the number of buses and coaches operating under licence in the United Kingdom.

The Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) is not able to differentiate between buses and coaches. All details held refer to Public Service Vehicles (PSV's) and which are subject to operator licencing regulations. PSV Operators Licences are not vehicle specific (ie the operator does not have to let VOSA know registration details of the vehicles they are using). I am therefore unable to tell you the number of PSV's actually operating in mainland Britain. I can however confirm that there are about 88745 PSV licence discs in issue at the present time. This information is also published in the Traffic Commissioners Annual Report, the latest can be viewed at [http://www.dft.gov.uk/stellent/groups/dft\\_roads/documents/page/dft\\_roads\\_611621.pdf](http://www.dft.gov.uk/stellent/groups/dft_roads/documents/page/dft_roads_611621.pdf) (page 95).

If you have any queries about the information you have received, please contact me, and I will be happy to assist you. My contact details are given at the head of this letter.

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Yours faithfully

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