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Date: 2nd October 2006

Our Ref: *****

Dear *****

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your e-mail of 27th September 2006 requesting information in relating to the MOT scheme, and in particular the peelable sticky label. The answers to the points you raised are as follows:-

Q1. Was any kind of thought given to the choice of adhesive used by the issuing authority or is it simply a case of simple ignorance?

A1. The requirement of the contractor was to produce a sticker which should remain in place until the next MOT test.

Q2. Is there a plan or proposal to REQUIRE the display of official MOT pass certificates on motor vehicles in the future.

A2. The straight answer is no. The sticky label was originally introduced in February 2003 as a simple reminder to the vehicle owner/driver of the MOT due date. With the introduction of Computerisation and the new style certificates it was appropriate to include it on the MOT document where the next test details could be entered at the same time the certificate was printed.

Q3. Who is/was responsible for the design and selection of the new A4 MOT certificate including the sticky label)?

A3. The design was produced by VOSA in conjunction with Siemens and is produced by a third party contractor to Siemens.

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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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us, quoting reference
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Yours faithfully

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