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Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

I refer to your email of the 16th and my acknowledgement of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2007 requesting statistics relating to Goods Vehicle Operator Licence applications in the Eastern Traffic Area.

Attached to the accompanying e-mail is a table giving the details requested for both applications for new licences and publishable variations to existing ones for the last five financial years. The Agency does not hold percentage figures relating to these statistics.

A statistical record of the number of cases brought to Public Inquiry for the reasons requested (environmental) is not kept. However, details of all Public Inquiries called, are listed in the fortnightly Applications and Decisions publications, which are available from our website by clicking on the following link -

<http://www.vosa.gov.uk/vosacorp/publications/applicationsanddecisions/ad-easterntrafficarea/ad-easterntrafficarea.htm>

In your final question, you ask for details of cases where the Traffic Commissioner "was not fully satisfied with regard to the technical suitability of the operating centre but was still granted. Traffic Commissioners are a separately named body in Schedule 1 Part VI of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This lists the Traffic Commissioners as being subject to the Act "*in respect of information held by them otherwise than as a tribunal*". The requested information is therefore outside of the scope of the Freedom of Information Act, and therefore not subject to its provisions.

The contact for all matters to do with Freedom of Information for all Traffic Commissioners can be contacted at the following address:- Western Traffic Area, 2 Rivergate, Temple Quay, BRISTOL, BS1 6EH.

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.

If you are unhappy with the information supplied, 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](mailto: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](http://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.

The Information Commissioner can consider complaints about any aspect of the way in which requests for information have been handled. Please note: the Information Commissioner would be unlikely to consider your complaint if you have not first requested an internal review.

You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
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Yours sincerely

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