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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your e-mail of 15 February 2007, and the subsequent acknowledgement of 15 February 2007, concerning information required relating to the number of roadside checks carried out on Public Service Vehicles in the year 2006. You also asked how many of these took place at schools and how many roadside checks resulted in prohibition notices.

Operation Coachman was an annual initiative which targeted public service vehicle (PSV) operators with schools contracts. The national figures are published in the annual Effectiveness Reports, available on our website www.vosa.gov.uk. However, the Effectiveness Report for 2005/06 has not yet been published so I have attached the relevant section from the 2005/06 report (tables A2.20 to A2.27). All of the tables provided relate to roadworthiness checks, with the exception of A2.26 and A2.27, which also relate to Traffic Enforcement checks.

Since 2003/04 it has been the responsibility of VOSA Area Managers, working in conjunction with local authorities, to determine when and where these checks should take place. No separate record is kept in relation to school buses.

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:

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Yours sincerely

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