



Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

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Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

I refer to your email of 30<sup>th</sup> January requesting details of the mileages inbetween annual tests.

As agreed with our Customer Information Services team, this data has been provided on the following basis:

- Data have been provided for tests performed in the calendar month June 2008
- Data is for class 4 vehicles only (this covers cars with up to 8 passenger seats, motor caravans, dual purpose vehicles, private hire and public service vehicles with up to 8 seats, ambulances and taxis, and private passenger vehicles and ambulances with between 9 and 12 passenger seats)
- Valid, completed and normal tests only were taken into account (retests were therefore not counted) – this is the same basis on which the effectiveness report is produced
- Early/late tests were discounted (ie. only tests with a corresponding test in June 2007 were taken into account)
- Annual mileage was calculated by deducting the 2007 mileage from the 2008 mileage. Annual mileage has been broken down regionally by VOSA Area.
- Mileage anomalies (ie. a mileage decrease or a zero mileage recording) were removed from the data
- Vehicles undergoing a first test were reported on separately

Due to the reasons above, nearly 1 million tests were removed. The provided information has been attached as a spreadsheet (there are three separate tabs). I have also attached a map of the VOSA areas, to which the mileage data correspond.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us, quoting reference **F0001654**.

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,  
Cheshire  
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Yours sincerely

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