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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your correspondence of 27th January 2010 requesting information, which we have dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for the following points of information; I have responded to each in turn.

Q1) Details of all limousine or 'party bus' operators in the Scottish Traffic Area who have had their public service vehicle operator's licence refused, revoked or amended over the past two years. This should include any health and safety concerns, breaches of licence, other illegal activities, as well as the vehicle safety information.

A1) VOSA has no business requirement for operators to specify the type of vehicles used on a PSV Licence. As such, VOSA is unable to identify PSV licence holders who are operating limousines or 'party buses' from our database of operators. In order to identify any PSV licence holders who may be operating limousines or 'party buses' a search would have to be conducted of the publication "Notices and Proceedings". Copies of all "Notices and Proceedings" are published online on VOSA's website and under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, we are not required to provide information which is already reasonably accessible to you. A link to "Notices and Proceedings" published for the Scottish Traffic Area is copied below;
<http://www.dft.gov.uk/vosa/publications/noticesandproceedings/np-scottishtrafficarea/np-scottishtrafficarea.htm>

Q2) I would also like the findings of any investigations, appeals or inquiries by the Scottish Traffic Commissioner into limousine or party bus operators over the same period.

A2) VOSA does not hold this information, but relates to the Traffic Commissioner, a separately named authority under the Freedom of Information Act. This point of your request was transferred to the Office of the Traffic Commissioner for a separate response.

Q3) If any seizures or impounds of limousines in Scotland carried out since 1 October when VOSA's new powers came into force under the amendment to the Public Passenger Vehicle Act 1981.

A3) I can confirm that since 1st October 2008, VOSA has not seized or impounded any limousines in Scotland.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us, quoting reference **F0002407**.

If you are unhappy with the response provided, you may ask for an internal review. To request an internal review, please write to:

VOSA Corporate Office,
Berkeley House,
Croydon Street,
Bristol,
BS5 0DA

or email 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.

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You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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