



Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

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Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

I refer to your email 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010 requesting information in respect of a breakdown of MOT failure rates in 2009 specifically including the types of faults causing most failures. We have dealt with your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

VOSA does publish MOT statistics collated via the MOT Computerisation system in its annual "Effectiveness Report". The latest version of this report collates the MOT statistics for fiscal years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09. A link to VOSA's latest "Effectiveness Report" is copied below.

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/vosa/publications/corporatereports/2008-2009reportsuite/2008-2009reportsuite.htm>

Please refer to Table A3.1 & A3.2 in this report for Annual MOT Test Results and the Failure Percentage of each default category.

Furthermore, reports for other years are contained within the Corporate Report Suite for each financial year. A link is copied below.

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/vosa/publications/corporatereports/corporatereports.htm>

In regards to your request for the 2009 data, I can confirm that VOSA holds this information however, it is proposed to publish this additional information on our internet site ([www.vosa.gov.uk](http://www.vosa.gov.uk)) later in 2010. Under the above legislation this is information intended for future publication and is therefore covered by the provisions of Section 22 of the Act.

## **Section 22**

(1) *Information is exempt information if –*

*a) the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not)*

*b) the information was already held with a view to such publication at the time when the request for information was made, and*

*c) it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph (a).*

This exemption is subject to a public interest test. Please find this attached.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us, quoting reference **F0002418**.

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](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  
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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