<u>Annex A</u> our ref : IA/00232/11

1) The number of vehicles turned away from the car practical test as the vehicle wasn't suitable/no vehicle for test. I would like this information for Reigate driving test centre (DTC) and a national figure either for the last 12 months, 2010 or the last financial year.

Ideally for question one I would like this specifically for those vehicles that were turned away due to a lack of documentation as the vehicle was subject to a recall.

2) The number of tests conducted where no approved driving instructor (ADI) number is recorded. I would like this information for Reigate DTC and a national figure either for the last 12 months, 2010 or the last financial year

You can find the number of car practical tests that did not go ahead as the vehicle was not suitable or no vehicle was presented for test and the number of tests where the ADI badge number was not recorded in the table below. We have provided this information for Reigate DTC and nationally for the 2010 calendar year.

We have also provided you with the number of car practical tests conducted at Reigate DTC and nationally in the 2010 calendar year.

2010 calendar year			
Test centre/ location	The number of car practical tests terminated because the vehicle was not suitable/no vehicle for test	The number of car practical tests where the ADI badge number was not recorded	Total amount of tests Conducted
Reigate	16	1,056	4,935
National	2,634	389,975	1,513,601

To provide information on the number of vehicles that were turned away due to a lack of documentation as their vehicle was subject to a recall would involve manually checking 2,650 paper records. It has been estimated that it would take in excess of 650 hours to provide this information. This information is therefore exempt from release under section 12 (1) (cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit) of the FoIA. A full breakdown of this exemption can be found at Annex B.

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