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Dear Mark Jennings

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. As your request for information falls within the Agency's day to day business, your request is subsequently being treated as 'Business as Usual'.

You have specifically referred to your letter of 3 May and state that you have had no response. I wish to make clear that our letter dated 10 September was in response to all of your previous correspondence, which had been forwarded to the Agency. I apologise, if this was not made clear.

As you are aware from our previous letters, you must register and licence any vehicles kept by you. Similarly you must seek and keep up to date a driving licence issued by this agency if you intend to drive a motor vehicle on the public road. There are penalties provided for in statute law for breach of these obligations.

Registration numbers are not items of property in their own right, so it is not possible to acquire legal title to them. They are assigned to, and may be withdrawn from vehicles, rather than keepers, by the Secretary of State, as part of the basic registration and licensing process required by law. The main purpose of registration numbers is to make vehicles readily identifiable for road traffic enforcement and road safety purposes.

As stated, in our correspondence dated 10 September, you may want to obtain independent legal advice so that you properly understand the fit between your view of your obligations and the application of statute law requirements to you. We will not enter into any further discussion on the matter.

Yours sincerely

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