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Your Ref

8 March 2010

Our Ref

FOIR 1873/10

Date:

16 March 2010

Dear Mr Elibank,

Freedom of information request

Your request was received on 8 March 2010 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). In your email you asked for the every vehicle registration mark which has been issued since 1st January 1991.

I can confirm that DVLA holds information falling within the description specified in your request within its databases.

However, we estimate that the cost of collating the information would exceed the appropriate limit of £600. In you previous request we mentioned there are some 33 million plus records which would need to be interrogated against via a newly constructed data query to see if they were registered after 31 December 2009. With this query we would need to interrogate every record current or expired since 1991. Section 12 of the FOI Act exempts the DVLA from complying with a request where the cost in determining whether we hold the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information exceeds £600.

Our IT supplier would do the bulk of this work and based on previous work an indicative example would take around 3 man days effort charged at the contractor rate of £600 per day. The work involved would be to write, test, schedule and run the query. Therefore the cost will be above the appropriate limit as described above.

However, DVLA has commercial selling agents to whom we sell anonymised data. They may be able to help you with your request. I have provided a list of them at Appendix A. There will probably be a charge for any data they supply.

If you are unhappy with the decisions made by this Agency in relation to your request, you may ask for an internal review. If you wish to complain, you should write to FOI – D16, DVLA, Longview Road, Morriston, Swansea, SA6 7JL, or by email, foi@dvla.gsi.gov.uk



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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please see attached details of the complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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