



## **Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency**

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Dear P Foomer

### **Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your e-mail of 14 May requesting information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

**Please supply figures for the number of requests from foreign countries, include the Channel Isles and Isle of Man, for both driver and vehicle information.**

**Please supply figures for the number of requests made to foreign countries, include the Channel Isles and Isle of Man, for driver and vehicle information.**

**Please include the years 2008/9/10 in the report and identify the countries.**

The Agency may in exceptional circumstances share information with certain authorities outside of the UK. These circumstances are stipulated in legislation.

Under the EUCARIS Treaty 2000, DVLA shares vehicle information via the European Car and Driving Licence Information System (EUCARIS) to establish whether exported vehicles have been reported as stolen or scrapped. This enables registration authorities to be alerted prior to re-registration in the country of import. EUCARIS also provides for an exchange of driver licence information which enables the validity of licences from participating countries to be checked prior to exchange, ensuring the licence presented for exchange is the most recent and accurately records information on entitlement and endorsements etc.

Currently, the UK may make enquiries via EUCARIS on 10 other Member States for vehicle data. These are: Belgium; Germany; Estonia; Hungary; Luxembourg; Lithuania; Latvia; the Netherlands; Romania and Sweden. In relation to driver data, the UK may make enquiries on 5 other Member States, these are: Germany; Estonia; Luxembourg; Latvia and the Netherlands.

The Agency does not collate statistics relating to the number of requests made to and by the UK. However, please find attached two tables taken from the EUCARIS Statistical Report for January – June 2009. The first table provides an overview of the total number of enquiries for 2008 and 2009, and the second provides a breakdown of the number of enquiries made in and by participating Member States between January and June 2009. Unfortunately, the Agency does not hold any further statistics on this. The recent 2010 statistics are available on the EUCARIS website at [www.eucaris.net/statistics](http://www.eucaris.net/statistics)

In addition to the above other enquiries may be made under the Road Safety Act 2006 or the Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003. Again, there are no statistics held on the number of enquiries made under either legislation.

The information which follows concerns the copyright conditions that apply to any information provided by the Agency and the procedures for making any complaint you might have about the reply. Please quote the reference number of this letter in any future communications about it.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Toft', enclosed within a rectangular box.

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