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Isa Bell

Dear Ms Bell

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 7th August requesting information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

For the last 3 years please list the annual quantity of personal data:

- 1. Disclosed by DVLA via local authority terminals**
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- 3. Is the DVLA one executive agency under central government control or a privatised collection of limited companies?**

The DVLA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Transport. DVLA is sponsored through the Department's Motoring Services Directorate which manages performance and co-ordinates the DVLA's direction and strategy.

- 4. Why can't English motor vehicles and drivers resident in England register with an English entity - especially those who don't want to speak or write an ancient language lacking a full vocabulary like Welsh?**

5. How does the department regulate the so-called 'Swansea Joke Factory' (meaning the DVLA)?

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Toft', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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