

Peter Thompson

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Website: www.gov.uk/browse/drivingYour Ref:
Our Ref: FOIR4259

Date: 17 November 2014

Dear Mr Thompson

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your e-mail dated 5 November requesting information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

Please provide a list of company names within your database that:**Contain the word scaffolding within the Northampton area starting with postcode NN****Who own a vehicle, Make: DAF truck with the registration plate, starting KX
Please provide information: Business names only.****Note this is different from a specific driver/vehicle information request (form V888) as this is not a specific request for one single piece of information nor are a single individuals specifics being requested.**

DVLA's vehicle database is designed specifically for the fast input and retrieval of data based on two very specific fields; they are Vehicle Registration Mark (VRM) and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). In order to find details of a specific vehicle record (such as Make and Model, name and address details of the registered keeper), that record can only be accessed by inputting the VRM or VIN. Without the VIN or VRM, DVLA staff would not be able to access the vehicle records.

DVLA can neither confirm nor deny that it holds the information you have requested. To determine whether there was a DAF truck with the registration plate starting KX where the vehicle was registered to a company with the word scaffolding, in the NN postcode area, a scan of the entire vehicle database would be required.

There are approximately 35.8 million licensed vehicle records on the database. We estimate the cost of the scan to try to extract this information to exceed £600. Under Section 12 of the FOI Act, DVLA is not obliged to comply with a request where the estimated cost of retrieving and extracting the information exceeds £600. As it is the

DVLA's policy not to respond to requests for information that would exceed the appropriate cost limit, I am afraid that the information will not be supplied to you.

The information which follows concerns 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 black ink, appearing to be 'Robert Toft', with a large loop and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Head of Data Sharing Policy & Freedom of Information Team

Your right to complain to DVLA and the Information Commissioner

If you are not happy with the reply to your request, you can ask DVLA to re-consider the response you received by writing (within two calendar months of receiving this response) to either foi@dvla.gsi.gov.uk or DVLA Freedom of Information Team, DSPG/FOI, D16, DVLA, Swansea SA6 7JL.

DVLA will acknowledge and consider your request, re-visiting the response provided. This is known as an Internal Review and will be considered by a staff member not involved with the original reply.

If you disagree with the outcome of the Internal Review, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office. Further information can be found via: www.ico.org.uk/concerns/getting Alternatively you may wish to write to: Customer Contact, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.