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For the attention of Mr Horatio Bromhead

Dear Mr Bromhead

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your e-mail correspondence of 19 March 2015, in which you request that the following information be provided to you:

"Please advise during the calendar year 2014, please advise the following

- 1) How many checks were made on Taxis
- 2) How many checks were made on private hire vehicles

During the checks, please advise

- 1) How many Taxi vehicles were subject to a notification putting the vehicles of the road
- 2) How many private hire vehicles were subject to a notification putting vehicle of the road

Regarding the checks please advise, how many

- 1) Individual taxis vehicles were checked multiple times
- 2) Individual private hire vehicles were checked multiple times

Regarding the checks please advise during 2014 what percentage of the fleet is checked at least once by the enforcement checks.

(EXAMPLE, of an average of 1425 licensed taxis, during 2014, 712 individual vehicles were checked representing 50% of the fleet was checked during 2014. Further of an average of 2600 licensed private hire vehicles, 1820 individual vehicles were checked representing 70% of fleet)

Further please advise how many times during 2014 did the enforcement team send

- 1) Taxi drivers
 - 2) Private hire drivers
- to licensing court for breach of licensing conditions regarding illegally plying for hire

Further please advise how many times during 2014 did the enforcement team send warning letters to:

- 1) Taxi drivers
 - 2) Private hire drivers
- as regards breach of licensing conditions regarding illegally plying for hire"

I can confirm that Glasgow City Council ("the Council") is treating your request for this information as a request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

The Council's response is detailed below. For the calendar year 2014:

- 3,929 checks were made on taxis.
- 4,630 checks were made on private hire vehicles.
- 150 taxi vehicles were subject to a notification putting the vehicles off the road.
- 288 private hire vehicles were subject to a notification putting the vehicles off the road.
- 896 individual taxi vehicles were checked multiple times.
- 1,167 individual private hire vehicles were checked multiple times.
- 77% of the private hire fleet was checked at least once by the enforcement checks.
- 82.5% of the taxi fleet was checked at least once by the enforcement checks.
- Our records do not capture separately the numbers of times taxi drivers and private hire drivers were sent to the Licensing Court for breach of licensing conditions regarding illegally plying for hire.
- No written warning letters are issued.

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I trust the foregoing will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Russell', written in a cursive style.

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