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FOI and RoPSIR requests for number of licensed vehicles in UK by Output Area

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Cc: foi-advice-team-dft@dft.gov.uk

Good afternoon,

I would like to request some information about the number of licensed vehicles in the UK, based on Census geography. I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act and the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations.

I am aware that the DfT has published a data file, table df_VEH0125, that contains counts of licensed vehicles in the UK by Lower Layer Super Output Area (LSOA), broken down by body type, keepership, and licence status:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/vehicle-licensing-statistics-data-files#vehicles-by-small-geography>

I am requesting equivalent data – i.e. the number of licensed vehicles, broken down by the same categories of body type, keepership, and licence status – for each Output Area (OA) in England, Scotland and Wales and each Small Area (SA) in Northern Ireland, as at the end of Q4 2022.

I am requesting this data without any rounding or suppression of small numbers. I understand that DfT normally suppresses counts < 5 in statistical releases. However, please take into consideration the ICO's [decision notice IC-166259-J8V3](#) which confirmed last year, following a similar information request, that this information is not exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the FOI Act.

I am not requesting information for periods prior to Q4 2022. There is no need to include statistical names for Output Areas, if they are represented by ONS statistical codes.

Please provide the data by email in a re-usable file format such as CSV, Excel or ODS.

I further request, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015, permission to re-use all information provided in response to the above access to information request for the purpose of combining that information with data from existing open public datasets and making the outputs available to others in a re-usable electronic form under an open licence. I request that the DfT grants permission to re-use the information for this purpose under the terms of the Open Government Licence v3 (<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/>). Given my intended use, any more restrictive licensing terms would be likely to "unnecessarily restrict" the way in which the information can be re-used, contrary to RoPSIR regulation 12.

Thank you for your attention to these information requests.

Kind regards,

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