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Dear

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information, which you requested on in your e-mail dated 14th December 2008, as amended following our conversation on Tuesday 23rd December 2008.

You agreed to refine your original request to cover the following questions:

1. The number of Highways Agency Traffic Officer Vehicles involved in traffic accidents with third parties since 2005 on the M25 motorway.
2. A breakdown by Traffic Officer Service region of the number of TO vehicle accidents which took place, and the number of third party vehicles involved.
3. A breakdown of costs incurred to repair or replacement other Traffic Officer vehicles where this is available.
4. The figure for the total number of vehicles operating in the Highways Agency fleet and the total number of employees employed by the Highways Agency Traffic Officer Service, plus a breakdown of the specific figures for both East and South East Regions.

A copy of the available information to reply to questions 1, 2 and 3 is set out in Table 1.

A copy of the information to reply to Question 4 is set out in Table 2.

Unfortunately neither the Highways Agency nor its vehicle lease company Lloyds TSB Autolease have retained details of the costs that occurred in 2005 and 2006 to undertake accident repair on Traffic Officer Vehicles which have since been taken off the fleet. Hence in some instances I am unable to confirm the cost of the repair undertaken in Table 1. I have however been able to obtain details of costs the Highways Agency paid to third parties, which was part of your original information request.

Table 1

Number	Date of Accident	Traffic Officer vehicle by Region	Number of third party vehicles	HA repair costs (excl VAT)	Road	Third party Claim Type	Sum paid to third party
1	24/10/2005	SE	1	Not available	M25	Personal Injury	£4,200
2	24/10/2005	SE	1	Not available	M25	Personal Injury	£535
3	09/01/2006	SE	1	Not available	M25	Personal Injury	£8,010
4	04/03/2006	E	1	Not available	M25	Vehicle Damage	£1,000
5	02/07/2006	SE	1	Not available	M25	Vehicle Damage	£1,155
6	05/12/2006	SE	1	Not available	M25	Vehicle Damage	£350
7	21/11/2006	SE	1	Not available	M25	Vehicle Damage	£323
8	25/10/2006	SE	1	Not available	M25	Vehicle Damage	£410
9	22/06/2007	SE	4	£5,000	M25	Vehicle Damage	£2,603
10	03/05/2007	SE	1	£1,800	M25	Vehicle Damage	£82
11	10/01/2008	E	0	£1,200	M25	No claim against HA	No payments made
12	29/05/2008	SE	1	£0	M25	Vehicle Damage	£1,986.00
13	04/12/2008	SE	1	£9,900	M25	No claim against HA	No payments made
			14	£17,900			£20,654

Key: E = East
SE = South East
HA = Highways Agency

Table 2

Number	Number of traffic Officer Vehicles	Employees in the Traffic Officer Service
National	195	1612
East Region	37	314
South East Region	27	240

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. We will, therefore, be simultaneously releasing to the public the information you requested, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context via our website:
<http://www.highways.gov.uk/>

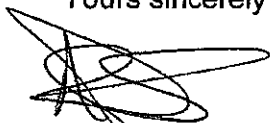
If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. A leaflet detailing our internal review process is available. If you require a copy, please phone the Highways Agency Information Line on 08457 50 40 30; or e-mail ha_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk. You should contact me if you wish to complain.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely



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