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Dear Liam

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 4 February 2014 clarifying the statistics you require. Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding.

Please find the spread sheet attached with the requested data:

- (a) A unique candidate ID (anonymous).
- (b) The date when the test was conducted
- (c) The Type of test restricted/full.
- (d) A unique testing centre ID and/or name.
- (e) The birth year/age of the candidate (age bracket would suffice for more anonymity).
- (f) The gender of the candidate.
- (g) The result pass/failed.
- (h) The type of failure (e.g. immediate or critical) (optional).
- (i) An anonymous (pseudo) ID of the testing officer.
- (j) The overall score (optional).
- (k) Comment of the testing officer (optional).

Please note: none of the 'optional' data requests were provided (they are not recorded on the Driver Licence Register).

As for request (b), 'the date when the test was conducted', this has also been excluded from the data set due to the identity risks to candidates and testing officers where a small number of tests were conducted by a testing officer on a particular date or date range. For example, a testing officer may have only conducted one or two tests at a particular region, and when this is broken down by age group, testing officer, gender, region, and date, there is a possibility that the candidate and/or testing officer may be identified.

For request (d), 'an unique testing centre id and or name', test sites have been grouped into regions to prevent testing officers and potential candidates from being identified in situations where there is only one or two testing officers conducting tests at a particular site. Where there is only one testing centre per region, the region in which the testing centre is located was grouped to the closest region.

Please note the caveats that are included for each dataset:

Caveat for Class 1 Restricted licence test data

Please note:

- Data is limited to Class 1 Restricted licence tests sat between 01 September 2012 31
 August 2013 only
- Data includes all application types (data is not limited to tests sat under the Graduated Driver Licensing System)
- Data is limited to 'sat' tests only (tests resulted as 'Pass', 'Fail' or 'Stopped')
- 'Fail' result includes the test results 'Fail' and 'Stopped'
- Dates and date groupings have been excluded from the results due to the identity risks to candidates and testing officers where a small number of tests were conducted by a testing officer on a particular date or date range
- Test attempts only take into consideration Class 1 Restricted licence tests sat between 01
 September 2012 31 August 2013 period
- In order to protect any testing officers and candidates from being identified, any instances where a testing officer conducted less than 3 Class 1 Restricted licence test(s) per region per age group have been removed from the '1R_DATA' tab
- 0.34% Class 1 Restricted licence tests have been removed from the '1R_DATA' tab due to the reason above
- Figures are as at 15 October 2013

Caveat for Class 1 Full licence test data

Please note:

- Data is limited to Class 1 Full licence tests sat between 01 September 2012 31 August 2013 only
- Data includes all application types (data is not limited to tests sat under the Graduated Driver Licensing System)
- Data is limited to 'sat' tests only (tests resulted as 'Pass', 'Fail' or 'Stopped')
- 'Fail' result includes the test results 'Fail' and 'Stopped'
- Dates and date groupings have been excluded from the results due to the identity risks to candidates and testing officers where a small number of tests were conducted by a testing officer on a particular date or date range
- Test attempts only take into consideration Class 1 Full licence tests sat between 01
 September 2012 31 August 2013 period
- In order to protect any testing officers and candidates from being identified, any instances where a testing officer conducted less than 3 Class 1 Full licence test(s) per region per age group have been removed from the '1F_DATA' tab

- 0.20% Class 1 Full licence tests have been removed from the '1F_DATA' tab due to the reason above
- Figures are as at 15 October 2013

As explained above and in the caveats on the spread sheets, certain information has been withheld in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. This withholding ground is provided in section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982. The Agency has determined, in the circumstances of this particular case, that there are no considerations in the public interest which outweigh this withholding ground.

Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, you have the right to apply to an Ombudsman for an investigation and review of the decision to withhold this information. The address is:

Office of the Ombudsmen PO Box 10152 Wellington

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Transport Agency, please contact Ellena Crafar, Customer Access, by email to info@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 0800 108 809.

Yours sincerely

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For Chief Executive