

FOI Request (received 04 July 2022) - Reference: DFI/2022-0214

I believe that this vehicle (IEZ 3486) is registered to some Government Department - probably Dept. for Infrastructure - DVA.

1. Are Government vehicles or DVA vehicles in particular except from the requirement for having a current MOT?

If yes then you do not need to answer the following questions.

2. Is there some exemption for Government vehicles or DVA vehicles in particular from the need for an MOT test to allow them to be taxed (Road Fund Licence)?

If yes then you do not need to answer the next questions.

3. As the MOT on this vehicle expired on 18 July 2021 how could it be taxed until 28 February 2023?

4. I cannot tax a vehicle for more than 1 year at a time. I cannot tax a vehicle without a valid MOT.

5. How could DVA tax a car (presumably on 1 March 2022) without a valid MOT?

Response (issued 27 July 2022)

Thank you for your email of 4 July 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 held by this office in relation to Government or DVA vehicles, and in particular a vehicle with the registration IEZ3486.

In response to your request, I can advise that the Department for Infrastructure does hold relevant information. I will address your questions in the order asked:

- DVA vehicles being used on public roads are not exempt from having a valid MOT certificate;
- All DVA vehicles, when first registered, are recorded as Crown Vehicles which means that they are Vehicle Tax Exempt;
- The 'tax' status as shown on the Driver & Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) 'Check My Tax' website has a rolling date of 01 March which automatically updates DVA vehicles every year without the need for the DVA to do anything; and
- DVA vehicles have their tax renewed on 01 March annually. The MOT status on the vehicle **IEZ 3486** shows as 'No Mot' because the vehicle is no longer used on public

roads due to the uneconomical cost of repairs and it is at the end of its serviceable life. However, to maximise use of the vehicle, the DVA continues to use this vehicle off-road as part of its new entrant vehicle examiner training course or to test new vehicle testing equipment.

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