**Request Reference: 17181329**

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**Date response sent: 8 December 2017**

**Since 1st August 2015:**

**1. The number of new and renewed taxi (Hackney Carriage) driver licenses you have granted.**

We currently only issue a dual licence. The total number of new and renewal applications for dual licences granted between this period is - 1019

**2. The number of new and renewed Private Hire Vehicle (PHV) driver licenses you have granted.**

Please see answer 1.

**3. The number of taxi licenses granted to drivers with criminal convictions.**

Information not held on the basis that it is only permitted to be retained through the application process. Once we have processed an application the information is destroyed.

**4. The number of PHV licenses granted to drivers with criminal convictions.**

 **In the cases of those convicted with regard to Question 3 and Question 4:**

 **i. The nature and date of conviction.**

 **ii. Whether said driver’s conviction was known at the time of the license being approved.**

 **iii. In each case, the current license status of the driver.**

Information not held. See response to question 3.

**5. The criteria/policy that is applied when deciding on an application from a driver with a current/spent conviction.**

Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Torbay Council is not required to provide information in response to a request where the information is already reasonably accessible to an applicant.

 The information you have requested is available via the Torbay Council website at<http://www.torbay.gov.uk/council/policies/licensing-policies/hackney-carriage-policies/>

 This is an absolute exemption and therefore there is no requirement to consider the Public Interest Test.