

## **Response to Request for Information**

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## Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles - Wheelchair Accessible

## Request:

- 1) Please advise if you have produced, or currently intend to produce, a list of wheelchair accessible:
  - a) taxis
  - b) private hire vehicles under the powers set out in S167 of the Equality Act 2010.

We have not produced a list of wheelchair accessible taxis or private hire vehicles

Please identify how many a) taxi and b) PHV drivers have applied for medical / physical impairment exemption under S166 of the Equality Act 2010 since S166 was commenced. If you've created a list under S167, please identify how many of the exemptions were in place before S167 and how many have been put in since.

No exemptions have been applied for.

3) Please state whether you voluntarily compiled a list of accessible taxis and private hire vehicles following the Department for Transport's guidance of 15th September 2010, which stated, in relation to section 167, "although the list of designated vehicles will have no actual effect in law until the duties are commenced, we would urge licensing authorities to start maintaining a list as soon as possible for the purpose of liaising with the trade and issuing exemption certificates". If you did produce such a voluntary list, please indicate when you did so, and provide the current list.

No voluntary list has been complied of accessible taxis and private hire vehicles.

If you have produced a list of wheelchair accessible taxis and/or private hire vehicles under S167, or are going to, please tell me the following.

- 4) The date the list was instated or by which you intend to do so. Not applicable at this time.
- 5) The accessibility requirements of a taxi for it to appear on the list. Not applicable at this time.

## [NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

- 6) How you intend to enforce drivers' compliance with S165. Not applicable at this time.
- 7) The list. Not applicable at this time.