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Dear Lilian,

We are writing on behalf of constituents nationally who continue to struggle to access driving tests locally and also to access tests without the expenses of a middleman, with charges in the region of £300 being common. We agree with you that:

“No one should have to wait 6 months when they’re ready to pass, travel to the other side of the country to take a driving test or be ripped off by unscrupulous websites just because they can’t afford to wait.”

In previous responses, you have referred to the Government’s 7 point plan to fix the driving test booking system. We are writing to seek an update on these 7 points.

(1) **Recruitment of 450 driving examiners** which we understand to have happened in June/July and September/October 2024. We would be grateful if you could please update on progress against this target, net of attrition of existing examiners and your assessment of the adequacy of capacity by region.

(2) **Review and improve the rules for booking driving tests.** We understand that you have run a consultation on proposed improved rules and would be keen to understand the outcome of this consultation and the timescales for any changes to legislation which will be required.

(3) **Introduce tougher terms and conditions for the service driving instructors use to book and manage car driving tests for their pupils.** You introduced a tougher set of terms and conditions in January 2025 for instructors booking tests on behalf of their pupils, but we are not clear how you are monitoring adherence to these terms and conditions. What further steps do you plan to take in this respect and specifically do you have any plans to regulate how much instructors charge their students for this service?

(4) **Consult on new proposals to increase the amount of time people have to wait to book another test in certain situations.** An update on this consultation would be welcome, including an assessment of the impact that you believe that this would have on improving accessibility for all.

(5) **Increase the amount of notice you need to give to change or cancel a car driving test without losing the fee.** We understand that DVSA was working to bring in this change from spring 2025. An update on this would be welcome.

(6) **Explore changing the current 24-week limit on how far ahead car driving tests can be booked.** We understand the rationale here is so that DVSA can better understand how many people want to take a driving test at each test centre. An update on your progress with

this point would be welcome together with details of any changes that you have been able to identify as necessary by region.

(7) Encourage learner drivers to be better prepared for their driving test through the 'Ready to Pass?' campaign. We were surprised to read of DVSA research showing that about 23% of learner drivers take their first attempt at the driving test within one month of starting driving lessons as this is not consistent with anecdotal evidence. An update on this campaign and the difference that you believe it is making would be welcome.

We understand that the 7 point plan targeted the provision of 1.95 million car driving tests between April 2024 and March 2025 and a reduction in the waiting time to 7 weeks by December 2025 with both of these targets have been confirmed in the DVSA business plan. We would welcome an update of delivery against these targets and an explanation of the accountability of DVSA senior management in the event that the targets are not met.

Yours sincerely



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