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Dear Mr Burgess,

MOT suspension strategy

Thank you for your email to the Secretary of State for Transport. I will be responding as my team is responsible for this issue within the Department.

First, please accept my apologies for the delay in replying to you.

This legislation was introduced to address the ongoing pandemic and will be revoked if it no longer serves a useful purpose. This exclusion is being kept under review by the Department. If it is no longer required, the final date on which a six-month exclusion can begin (30 March 2021) may be brought forward by further legislation. It is planned that any change in policy would only apply to vehicles that had not yet been excluded. All vehicles which have currently had six months applied would not have that reduced.

This length of this period was set to cover the potential extent of the outbreak, plus a grace period, to allow the testing industry to recover and ensure they are return to regular testing capacity.

Departmental officials are engaged in regular discussions with industry stakeholders to discuss the resumption of testing to ensure that this can be done safely, and that garage businesses are not overwhelmed by an increase in demand.

Yours sincerely,

Antony Ovens
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