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1. 40,705 offences detected, but only 33,510 notices of prosecution sent out by the ticket office. Can you elaborate on why no action has been taken on the remaining 7,195 offending drivers or registered owners as this seems to be a lot of drivers evading the law.

These data are drawn from a live database, and so there is never a direct correlation between the numbers of offences detected and the numbers of notices of intended prosecution that are sent out. This is due partly to the time delays in the process and the also the fact that for various reasons some offences are cancelled and not progressed.

2. From the 33,510 notices of prosecution sent out, only 7,933 drivers undertook a speed awareness course. Can you explain what happened to the missing 25,577 drivers?

West Midlands Police offers a speed awareness course to some motorists who are detected exceeding the speed limit that fit specified criteria - other motorists are dealt with via the normal legal process. See:

<http://www.wmsafetycameras.co.uk/nsac.php>

3. Where I live there are a great number of foreign registered cars parked up in residential streets and they have been in this country for some time. I understand they should be registered at DVLA after 6 months but it is obvious they are not doing this. Is any action taken by the camera team when a foreign registered vehicle is caught on a speed camera with the same vigour as a UK registered vehicle? (for the speeding offence, and/or the DVLA breach).

All vehicle registrations are checked against our systems to find an address, regardless of whether they are UK registered or not.

Please note that a Freedom of Information request is not the appropriate way to report an offence. Clearly if you are aware that an offence is being committed you should report it using the webpage below:

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/in-your-area/west-midlands-region/west-midlands/>