<u>Press release: How thousands of people</u> <u>spend Christmas Day</u>

Figures from popular public information site GOV.UK give an insight into what people were thinking about on Christmas Day last year, from taxing their cars to searching for a new job.

Top 10 pages viewed on Christmas Day 2016 were:

- 1. <u>Bank Holidays</u> 41k pageviews
- 2. <u>Check UK visa</u> 34k pageviews
- 3. <u>Dartford Crossing charge</u> 28k pageviews
- 4. <u>Vehicle tax (taxing your vehicle)</u> 22k pageviews
- 5. Check vehicle tax (checking if a vehicle has tax) 22k pageviews
- 6. <u>Check state pension age</u> 18k pageviews
- 7. <u>Job search</u> 15k pageviews
- 8. <u>Check MOT history</u> 14k pageviews
- 9. <u>Check child maintenance</u> 13k pageviews
- 10. Get vehicle information from DVLA 13k pageviews

Bin collection — Other popular information over the festive period included details on bin collection day, which hit a peak of over 20,000 visits on 27th December 2016 (compared to only an average of 3,000 visits per day during the rest of the year). For this sought after information, visit https://www.gov.uk/rubbish-collection-day.

Caroline Nokes - Minister for Government Resilience and Efficiency said:

"People turn to GOV.UK to check information at the click of a button. From taxing your vehicle, to checking local bin collections and renewing your passport — there are many services now available online, replacing laborious paperwork.

"And we intend to continue adding to the services available, and improving how we set them out clearly and simply — making it even easier for people to access what they need."