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SCOTTISH NEW CAR REGISTRATIONS

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SCRAPPAGE SCHEME HAVING AN EFFECT AS CAR SALES FIGURES INCREASE

New car registrations in Scotland in June 2009 totalled 17124 units. This shows an increase of 6.67% in comparison with June 2008 when 16054 new cars were registered. The overall UK figure shows a decrease of 15.74% with 176264 units registered as against 209190 for June last year.

Douglas Robertson, Chief Executive of the SMTA, commenting on the figures said, "These figures confirm that in certain parts of Scotland the government backed scrappage scheme is having a positive effect. This is the first increase we have had since April 2008 and we are very pleased to report this though we would hesitate to say that we are now fully on the road to recovery. Footfall in the showrooms has increased throughout Scotland over the past month and whilst these figures are very encouraging we look forward to further evidence that the scrappage scheme is working."

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