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Bring back the rolling VED exemption for classics say enthusiasts and... SIGN THE E-PETITION TODAY!

A PETITION TO restore the rolling 30 year vehicle excise duty exemption for historic vehicles is gaining support - and if the online e-petition gets the necessary 100,000 signatures by next August, the subject will likely be debated by MPs.

Under legislation introduced in the early 1990s by the previous Conservative government, vehicles constructed before 1 January 1973 are eligible for a free vehicle licence under "historic vehicle" legislation. This is due to the age of the vehicle and a presumption of limited mileage. Initially this was a rolling exemption applied to any vehicles over 25 years old, however the cut-off date was frozen in 1997 by the incoming Labour administration. The change to "pre-1973" was vastly unpopular, and a number of enthusiasts, clubs, and individuals have been campaigning for a change back to the previous system.

Not estimated

In June this year Justine Greening MP for Putney and Economic Secretary to the Treasury said in Parliament in

response for pleas for the rolling exemption to be reintroduced: "The criterion for a classic vehicle to be exempt from vehicle excise duty is that the

tion."

However in August an e-petition was set up by a Mr Daryl J. Davey that urges the Treasury to restore the rolling exemption with a 30 year old cut-off. The petition

those manufactured before 1973. History did not simply stop in 1972. These are not cars which are driven everyday but rather on sunny weekends, to attend enthusiast shows etc.. It is vitally important that we help to preserve this important part of British motoring history."

Growing daily

The government has said that petitions which gain substantial support - 1000,000 plus signatures - will be subject to debate in Parliament. Since it was placed on the HM Government website the e-petition, which closes on August 5, 2012, has received nearly 7,000 signatures, and the number is growing daily - you can add your support at <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/183>

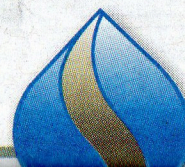
● **Left, the e-petition already has nearly 7,000 signatures - if it reaches 100,000, the issue could be debated by MPs.**

vehicle must have been built or registered prior to 1 January 1973. The cost of change has not been estimated as the Government have no plans to change the exemption against the current backdrop of fiscal consolida-

says: "Re-introduce a 30 year rolling vehicle excise duty exemption scheme, for classic vehicles. For too long now the tax exemption of classic cars has been frozen, to only apply to



SIR ROGER MOORE, REUNITED with the Aston Martin DBS V8 that famously featured in the early 1970s TV series 'The Persuaders'. As crime fighting millionaire Brett Sinclair, Sir Roger aided and abetted by Tony Curtis as the Ferrari Dino 246GT driving Danny Wilde, blazed a trail in the Aston - plated BS1 - some 40 years ago. To celebrate, boxed sets of the series have been released on DVD and Blu-ray, and Sir Roger was once again invited to renew his acquaintance with the Aston Martin at a launch party last month. The car is now owned by Roger Moore fan Ed Stratton, who sold the Lamborghini Islero that Moore drove in the thriller 'The Man Who Haunted Himself' to fund the purchase of his dream car. Now in exquisite condition, it has been seen at many events this year, including Salon Prive and several Aston Martin OC gatherings - the only 'blemish' is inside the boot lid...where it bears the signatures in felt pen of both Moore and Curtis.



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