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Dear Mr Miles

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER 0066/2010

I refer to your request for information dated 27 January 2010, which was received by Strathclyde Police on same date and clarified by you twice, on the 27 January 2010 and 28 January 2010. Your request has now been considered and on 3 March 2010, a decision was made to grant some of your request. As such, the information you have requested is detailed below.

You should be aware that the figures provided below in no way relates to alcohol or the alcoholic drinks mentioned as being the factor of a crime and the only way to provide such an answer would be to examine each of the individual crime reports for the questions you have specified. However, given the substantial number of crime reports involved, this would be cost exempt in accordance with Sections 12(1) (Excessive cost of compliance) and 16(4) (Refusal of request) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act) as it would cost in excess of the £600 prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under the Act to carry out this task.

From 22nd October 2006 to 21st October 2009:

1a. How many crime reports were reported in total?

I can inform you that there were 955,708 offences committed during this period. Please note this figure is based on the date that the offence was committed and not on the date when the offence was reported to the Police.

1b. How many of these were violent offences?

Of the figure above, the number of offences classed as violent is as follows, 77,920 Common/Simple Assaults, 10,597 Serious Assaults, 4,664 Robberies, 982 Assaults with Intent to Rob, 979 Attempted Murders, and 160 Murders. In total this amounts to 95,302 offences, which is 10% of the total level of crime.

2a. How many crimes included the keyword "alcohol" in some context.

Of the figure quoted in question 1, there were 69,773 crimes that mention 'alcohol' in some context, either in the crime classification title or in the initial summary text of the crime report. This represents 7.3% of the total level of crime.

2b. How many of these were violent offences?

Of the crime reports which include the word 'alcohol' 753 of the crime reports include a crime/s of violence, which amounts to 1.1% of crimes which include the word 'alcohol' and 0.1% of all crime.

3a. How many crimes included the keyword "vodka" in some context.

Of the figure quoted in question 1, there were 2,498 crimes that mention 'vodka' in some context, either in the crime classification title or in the initial summary text of the crime report. This represents 0.3% of the total level of crime.

3b. How many of these were violent offences?

Of the crime reports which include the word 'vodka' 159 of the crime reports include a crime/s of violence, which amounts to 6.4% of crimes which include the word 'vodka' and 0.02% of all crime.

4a. How many crimes included the keyword "whisky" in some context.

Of the figure quoted in question 1, there were 860 crimes that mention 'whisky' or 'whiskey' in some context, either in the crime classification title or in the initial summary text of the crime report. This represents 0.1% of the total level of crime.

4b. How many of these were violent offences?

Of the crime reports which include the word 'whisky' or 'whiskey' 40 of the crime reports include a crime/s of violence, which amounts to 4.7% of crimes which include the word 'whisky' or 'whiskey' and 0.004% of all crime.

5a. How many crimes included the keyword "beer" in some context.

Of the figure quoted in question 1, there were 3,709 crimes that mention 'beer' in some context, either in the crime classification title or in the initial summary text of the crime report. This represents 0.4% of the total level of crime.

5b. How many of these were violent offences?

Of the crime reports which include the word 'beer' 315 of the crime reports include a crime/s of violence, which amounts to 8.5% of crimes which include the word 'beer' and 0.03% of all crime.

6a. How many crimes included the keyword "lager" in some context.

Of the figure quoted in question 1, there were 6,137 crimes that mention 'lager' in some context, either in the crime classification title or in the initial summary text of the crime report. This represents 0.6% of the total level of crime.

6b. How many of these were violent offences?

Of the crime reports which include the word 'lager' 114 of the crime reports include a crime/s of violence, which amounts to 1.9% of crimes which include the word 'lager' and 0.01% of all crime.

7a. How many crimes included the keyword "cider" in some context.

Of the figure quoted in question 1, there were 4,200 crimes that mention 'cider' in some context, either in the crime classification title or in the initial summary text of the crime report. This represents 0.4% of the total level of crime.

7b. How many of these were violent offences?

Of the crime reports which include the word 'cider' 76 of the crime reports include a crime/s of violence, which amounts to 1.8% of crimes which include the word 'cider' and 0.008% of all crime.

8a. How many crimes included the keyword "merrydown" in some context.

Of the figure quoted in question 1, there were 144 crimes that mention 'merrydown' in some context, either in the crime classification title or in the initial summary text of the crime report. This represents 0.02% of the total level of crime.

8b. How many of these were violent offences?

Of the crime reports which include the word 'merrydown' 3 of the crime reports include a crime/s of violence, which amounts to 2.1% of crimes which include the word 'merrydown' and 0.0003% of all crime.

9a. How many crimes included the keyword "tennants" in some context.

Of the figure quoted in question 1, there were 1,626 crimes that mention 'tennants' in some context, either in the crime classification title or in the initial summary text of the crime report. This represents 0.2% of the total level of crime.

9b. How many of these were violent offences?

Of the crime reports which include the word 'tennants' 11 of the crime reports include a crime/s of violence, which amounts to 0.7% of crimes which include the word 'tennants' and 0.001% of all crime.

10a. How many crimes included the keyword "wine" in some context.

10b. How many of these were violent offences?

I am still awaiting information relating to this part of your request and I will respond as soon as possible.

In relation to your first request, dated 27 January 2010, prior to clarification, I can advise that the equivalent figures for Buckfast are as follows;

Of the figure quoted in question 1, there were 5,973 crimes that mention 'buckfast' in some context, either in the crime classification title or in the initial summary text of the crime report. This represents 0.62% of the total level of crime.

Of the crime reports which include the word 'buckfast' 11 of the crime reports include a crime/s of violence, which amounts to 6.7% of crimes which include the word 'buckfast' and 0.04% of all crime.

I hope this information is helpful, however, if you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance to request a review of the decision made by the Force. Should you wish to request such a review, please write to Mrs Sheena Brennan, Disclosure Manager at the above address within 40 working days of receiving this letter.

Once informed of the Review Panel's decision, if you are still not satisfied, then you are entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. Contact details are; Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, telephone 01334 464610.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Strathclyde Police. Should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me directly on 0141 435 1216 quoting the reference number given.

Yours sincerely

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