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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002
SUBJECT: CARELESS DRIVING

I refer to your email dated 04 February 2015 regarding the above which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

QUESTION

1. *How many careless driving offences have been recorded between August 2013 and August 2014.*
2. *If the information is broken down further, can you show how many offences were specifically recorded in relation to*
 - a. *Tailgating*
 - b. *Middle lane hogging*
 - c. *Undertaking*
 - d. *Using a mobile phone at the wheel*
 - e. *Eating at the wheel*
 - f. *Mounting the kerb*
 - g. *Wheel spins / hand break turns*
 - h. *Other offences (please specify, if possible)*



Please note, if this information is not collected specifically for the period from August '13 to August '14, provide data for the latest 12 month period for which it is available.

RESPONSE

There are 8,758 reports recorded on our crime management system for offences of Careless Driving between 1st August 2013 and 31st July 2014. Further to that, 3,252 conditional offers (Fixed Penalty Notices) have been issued for the same offence in the same time period.

These figures should be treated as separate to each other and should not be combined to provide one total. This is because a person can be issued with a fixed penalty and if it were refused, a crime report would be created to refer the individual to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service. Further some divisions record conditional offers on a crime report as a matter of course, therefore there will be some duplication in the figures.

I am unable to provide a further breakdown as per question 2. The only way to retrieve this information (if noted in the report) would be to individually examine each report. Given the numbers involved, I am sure you will appreciate that this would be an extremely time consuming task which would exceed the cost limits set out under the Fees Regulations under FOI(S)A. As such I must respond to this part of your request under section 12(1) of FOI(S)A: excessive cost of compliance.

I trust that the above information is of assistance. Should you have any questions about this response please do not hesitate to contact me on 0131 311 3901 quoting the reference number given.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance and within 40 working days of receiving this letter to request a review of the decision made by the Service. Should you wish to do so, contact details are; Police Scotland, FOI Central Processing Unit, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH. (Or email foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk).

Once informed of the review decision, if you are still not satisfied, then you are entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. The contact details are: Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, telephone 01334 464610. Should you wish to appeal against the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

Yours sincerely

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