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Dear Mr. Robson

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 9/9/17 for information about car clocking investigations undertaken by our Trading Standards Service. Please find below Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

1) How many cases of car clocking has your council investigated in the last 5 years?

The service has undergone a change in coding systems for complaints and enquiries in the last year. Prior to late 2016 this type of enquiry did not have its own specific code and to interrogate the information prior to that date would be cost prohibitive.

Please find below the information you requested for late 2016 and 2017

In 2016 the service investigated 3 cases referred in the car clocking category.
In 2017 the service investigated 5 cases referred in the car clocking category.

2) Of those cases, how many were dealt with by prosecuting the suspected offenders?

None

3) How many of those prosecutions were successful?

N/A

4) In total, how many vehicles were involved in the successfully prosecuted cases?

N/A

5) What is your council's policy for alerting innocent members of the public and motor trade to vehicles the council has successfully proven have been "clocked"?

Where the service finds that any vehicle has been clocked it makes the seller and owner of the vehicle aware. The service provides guidance to traders and consumers alike as to

their responsibilities on ensuring that the mileage indicated prior to sale is correct. Any known discrepancies must be brought to the attention of any prospective purchaser.

6) Can you provide confirmation in respect of question 5 of the type of action you have taken to warn people about the vehicles you have discovered to have been clocked? For example, publishing vehicle details, alerting Auto Trader or other specialist publications; registering data with HPI and other mileage data services.

See answer to question 5

7) Has the council or trading standards department seized any "clocked" vehicles over the past five years and subsequently destroyed them?

No

I hope that this information is useful to you.

Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £35.00 to respond to this request for information.

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Yours sincerely,



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