

Daniel Sarath

Email us at: foi@dvla.gov.ukWebsite: www.gov.uk/browse/driving

Your Ref:

Our Ref: FOIR8168

Date: 23 January 2020

Dear Mr Sarath

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your e-mail of 9 January requesting information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

I'm requesting information about how many drivers in the United Kingdom have been fined for modified number plates for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 (e.g. incorrect fonts, patterned backgrounds). I would also like to know how much money drivers have been fined.

Please can you also provide the same information for drivers who have been fined for having dirty number plates?

This information is not held by the DVLA as these are what is known as “non-endorsable offences” and as such DVLA would not record any information relating to fines imposed. On road enforcement of number plate offences rests primarily with the Police. Number plate offences are also included in the Home Office fixed penalty system.

The information which follows concerns the procedures for making any complaint you might have about the reply. Please quote the reference number of this letter in any future communications about it.

Yours sincerely



pp Robert Toft

Head of Data Protection Policy & Freedom of Information Team

Your right to complain to DVLA and the Information Commissioner

If you are not happy with the reply to your request, you can ask DVLA to re-consider the response you received by writing (within two calendar months of receiving this response) to either foi@dvla.gov.uk or DVLA Freedom of Information Team, DPP/FOI, C2W, DVLA, Swansea SA6 7JL.

DVLA will acknowledge and consider your request, re-visiting the response provided. This is known as an Internal Review and will be considered by a staff member not involved with the original reply.

If you disagree with the outcome of the Internal Review, you have the option to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office. Further information can be found via: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/> Alternatively you may wish to write to: Customer Contact, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.