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Dear Ms Mottershead

Thank you for the clarification of your Freedom of Information request.

"I would like volume of all notices of intended prosecutions which are sent by letter to offenders for speeding offences in 2010".

The Port of Dover Police are a small non-Home Office Police Force financed and maintained by the Dover Harbour Board. The Force has jurisdiction within the Port of Dover and a mile from the Port boundaries. There are a number of byelaws that relate specifically to the Port area and, as the primary Police Force within the Port, the Port of Dover Police enforce and prosecute these byelaws. One such offence under the byelaws in speeding within the Port area; it is not prosecuted under the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 and does not attract penalty points on the licence. Although Road Traffic laws do apply in the port, the speed limits within the port are not installed and controlled by Road Traffic legislation but instead port specific byelaws. For this reason notices of intended prosecution are not a prerequisite of the prosecution process.

This Bye-Law is enforced by Officers using hand held speed detection equipment and all offenders are physically stopped and informed that they may be reported for summons under the Bye-Laws at the time.

There are no unmanned static speed detection devices (speed cameras) located within the Port.

As a consequence of both of the above it has not been necessary to send any letters of notice of intended prosecution for speeding offences during 2010.

I hope this answers your question to your satisfaction. Please could you acknowledge receipt of this e-mail and confirm that your request has been complied with to enable me to close the file down.

Yours sincerely



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