



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-01494

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Fuel Thefts

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates and the decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

A breakdown of figures for reported incidents of stolen fuel (drive away) from petrol station in Northern Ireland over the past 12 months.

Request 2

A breakdown of the figures by policing area.

Answer

In response to Request 1 & 2, please see the table below.

Statistics are not routinely held and the data has been obtained by a trawl of Command & Control for incidents where the opening type and/or closing type is MOWP (Making Off Without Payment) and a manual check conducted to remove reports from taxi drivers and other commercial establishments.

Please note: This retrieval process only captures reports using this code. There may be other calls that were opened or closed with different codes or reports that when further investigated were dealt with as MOWP. However, to carry out a more concise search would require a manual trawl of all theft reports and this process would exceed the 18 hour cost limit set under the FOI Act, by the Secretary of State.

Policing District	Number of reported incidents
Belfast City	726
Lisburn & Castlereagh City	184
Ards & North Down	149
Newry, Mourne & Down	201
Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon	309
Mid Ulster	165

Fermanagh & Omagh	97
Derry City & Strabane	181
Causeway Coast & Glens	208
Mid & East Antrim	444
Antrim & Newtownabbey	487
Total	3151

Request 3

A breakdown of the number of prosecutions by policing area.

Answer

The below table represents those incidents from which have a prosecutorial decision attached to the linked case file with a decision to proceed with prosecution for the offence of 'Making off without paying'. **Please note:** An outcome may be recorded at any point in time and therefore subject to change.

Policing District	Number of offences	Number of prosecutions
Belfast City	446	4
Lisburn & Castlereagh City	217	8
Ards & North Down	191	1
Newry, Mourne & Down	86	2
Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon	143	3
Mid Ulster	125	0
Fermanagh & Omagh	31	0
Derry City & Strabane	16	0
Causeway Coast & Glens	102	2
Mid & East Antrim	150	12
Antrim & Newtownabbey	205	5
Total	1712	37

Request 4

A monetary value of thefts if available.

Answer

The monetary original value of thefts totals £32,565.18.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by

emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.