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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2008-05200
Keyword: Complaints/Discipline
Subject: POLICE CAUGHT SPEEDING - 2006/2008

Request:

The number of police caught speeding in 2006/07 and in 2007/08, and the penalties, if any, given to officers caught.

Can the figures be broken down into police registered speeding by cameras etc who were responding to emergency calls and those caught speeding for no reason?

Answer:

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland are not in a position to ascertain how many police officers have been caught speeding as there is no requirement to ascertain the occupation of motorist detected for speed. Consequently there is no way of determining how many off duty police officers have been caught on the speed cameras. The penalty of £60,00 fine and 3 penalty points, for speeding apply to everyone.

The number of cancelled notices issued to police vehicles can be supplied for the years requested. It should be noted that before a notice is cancelled, each case is examined and confirmation obtained that the exemption provided under Art 42 of the Road Traffic Regulation (NI) Order 1997 for emergency vehicles, applies in the circumstances.

2006 cancellations 45

2007 cancellations 108

2008 cancellations 113

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.