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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2008-04853

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** FUEL THEFTS

### Request:

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I ask for a disclosure of the following information relating to stolen fuel. The number of incidents where:**

**Question 1** - Fuel (petrol, diesel, oil etc) was stolen from farms/agricultural businesses

**Question 2** - Fuel was stolen from haulage companies

**Question 3** - Home heating fuel was stolen

**Question 4** - Thefts from vehicles where the property was fuel

**Question 5** - 'Making off without payment/drive-off' offences where the property was fuel

**Question 6** - Incidents of fuel theft from police vehicles/property

I would ask the following information for questions one to five is broken down by quarter (October to December 2007, January to March 2008, April to June 2008, July to September 2008) for each of the following DCU areas: Dungannon, Cookstown, Strabane and Omagh.

For question six please detail any incidents across Northern Ireland in the last 12 months.

### Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Please find attached records numbered 01745.pdf.

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 email.

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](mailto: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.

Please be advised that all PSNI replies under Freedom of Information will be released simultaneously into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk).

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

**Recorded Burglary, Robbery, Theft and Making off without payment offences where MO indicates property stolen as Fuel.**

| Area                        | Time Period   | Q1. Fuel <sup>1</sup><br>Stolen from<br>Farm | Q2. Fuel <sup>1</sup><br>Stolen from<br>Haulage<br>company | Q3. Home<br>Heating Fuel | Q4. Theft<br>from<br>vehicle <sup>2</sup> | Q5. Making<br>off without<br>payment<br>offences <sup>2</sup> |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--|--|--------------------------|---|---|
| Dungannon &<br>South Tyrone | Oct to Dec 07 | 0  | 0  | 4                        | 0   | 20  |
|                             | Jan to Mar 08 | 0  | 0  | 15                       | 0   | 30  |
|                             | Apr to Jun 08 | 0  | 0  | 3                        | 0   | 19  |
|                             | Jul to Sep 08 | 0  | 0  | 6                        | 0   | 39  |
|                             | <b>Total</b>  | <b>0</b>                                     | <b>0</b>   | <b>28</b>                | <b>0</b>                                  | <b>108</b>  |
| Cookstown                   | Oct to Dec 07 | 0  | 0  | 2                        | 0   | 3   |
|                             | Jan to Mar 08 | 0  | 0  | 9                        | 1   | 2   |
|                             | Apr to Jun 08 | 0  | 0  | 5                        | 1   | 1   |
|                             | Jul to Sep 08 | 0  | 0  | 3                        | 1   | 3   |
|                             | <b>Total</b>  | <b>0</b>                                     | <b>0</b>   | <b>19</b>                | <b>3</b>                                  | <b>9</b>  |
| Strabane                    | Oct to Dec 07 | 0  | 0  | 1                        | 0   | 3   |
|                             | Jan to Mar 08 | 0  | 0  | 13                       | 0   | 7   |
|                             | Apr to Jun 08 | 0  | 0  | 9                        | 1   | 3   |
|                             | Jul to Sep 08 | 0  | 0  | 4                        | 0   | 5   |
|                             | <b>Total</b>  | <b>0</b>                                     | <b>0</b>   | <b>27</b>                | <b>1</b>                                  | <b>18</b>   |
| Omagh                       | Oct to Dec 07 | 1  | 0  | 4                        | 1   | 0   |
|                             | Jan to Mar 08 | 0  | 0  | 8                        | 0   | 2   |
|                             | Apr to Jun 08 | 0  | 0  | 12                       | 0   | 4   |
|                             | Jul to Sep 08 | 0  | 0  | 6                        | 2   | 2   |
|                             | <b>Total</b>  | <b>1</b>                                     | <b>0</b>   | <b>30</b>                | <b>3</b>                                  | <b>8</b>  |

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

**Q6. In relation to fuel theft from police vehicles/property in Northern Ireland there was one crime of theft recorded where the location was PSNI owned premises in the Strabane area between 1<sup>st</sup> October and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007 and property stolen was fuel<sup>1</sup>.**

<sup>1</sup> Fuel types include Diesel, Agricultural Diesel, Petrol and Home Heating Fuel.

<sup>2</sup> Only includes Diesel or Petrol.

**These figures are provisional and may be subject to change.**