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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2008-04534
Keyword: Crime
Subject: THEFTS OF HOME HEATING OIL

Request:

Statistical information on the number of thefts of domestic heating oil and diesel from storage tanks held by householders

and your clarification of 14th October where you stated you wished the PSNI to proceed with retrieving the information which was available:

"I have been advised by our Central Statistics Unit that we can supply the following information with regard to your request -

We can supply the total number of burglary, robbery and theft offences where the property stolen is home heating oil or diesel.

We do not hold information on how the fuel is stored.

We can supply this information for the 2006/07 and 2007/08 financial years."

Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested and the figures illustrating recorded burglary, robbery and theft offences where the property stolen is Home Heating Fuel or Diesel for financial years 06/07 and 07/08 can be found in the attached 01732.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.

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.

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

Recorded Burglary, Robbery and Theft¹ offences where the property stolen is Home Heating Fuel or Diesel

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	Home Heating Fuel	Diesel
2006/07	450	106
2007/08 ²	600	73

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

¹ Excludes theft from motor vehicle offences.

² The system which was used for crime recording from the start of 2001/02 (ICIS) was replaced by a new system on 1st April 2007 (NICHE). On ICIS the property information is available at the level of individual offences. However, on NICHE, this information is only available at occurrence level (an occurrence might not contain any crimes, or it may contain one or crimes). Therefore, for example, if an occurrence has property indicated as stolen on NICHE, all offences within that occurrence will be regarded as having the property stolen. This may lead to some inflation of offence levels from the NICHE system.

Please note that this information is provisional and may be subject to revision.