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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2008-05473

**Keyword:** Road Policing

**Subject:** FOREIGN DRIVERS CAUGHT SPEEDING - 2008

### Request:

**Question 1:** Since the 1/01/08 to the 1/12/08 how many foreign drivers have been caught speeding in Northern Ireland?

**Question 2:** Out of the number foreign drivers caught speeding in the time scale above how many escaped prosecution due to the PSNI being unable to send a notice of intent to prosecute within the required time scale?

### 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.

**Answer 1:** Foreign National drivers who are caught speeding and are stopped at the time of the offence are dealt with by way of arrest as it is not possible to issue a fixed penalty notice to them. The number of foreign nationals arrested for speeding between 01/01/2008 and 01/12/2008 is **153**. This includes all drivers who have been arrested and who are not from the UK, (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales).

**Answer 2:** **26** Foreign registered vehicles, (as distinct from drivers) were detected speeding between 01/01/2008 and 01/12/2008 and notices of intended prosecution could not be sent because the vehicles were not stopped at the time and are not registered in Northern Ireland and the owners were unknown. This applies to detections by means of the [Safety Camera Scheme](#)

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