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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2008-05262

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: ISSUE OF FIXED PENALTY NOTICES - CITY HALL AREA, BELFAST

Request:

How many traffic tickets have been issued to motorists for violations of the pedestrian zones around City Hall, Belfast in the last year?

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.

There were 35 non-endorseable tickets issued in the last year for reason code N052 (Breach of Traffic Sign), each ticket had to be retrieved and examined to determine the nature of offence. (This covers Donegall SQ North, South, East and West – i.e. around City Hall) Of the 35 tickets, when examined, only 1 highlighted breach of a pedestrian zone. All others simply highlighted "Breach of a Traffic Sign"

N052 covers the following – Breach of a Traffic Sign issued for:

- 1) Breach of a bus lane
- 2) Pedestrian Zone
- 3) Breach of "Police no waiting cones"
- 4) No right turn
- 5) No Left Turn
- 6) No U Turns
- 7) No Overtaking
- 8) No Motor Vehicles (except for access)
- 9) No Cycling

It should be noted that the figures above relate to tickets issued in the last year by Police Officers. Traffic Attendants employed by the Department of Road Services can also issue tickets for the above offences. They can be contacted by writing to them at:

DRD Roads Service, Clarence Court, 10 - 18 Adelaide Street, Belfast BT2 8GB or by telephone on 90540540 and e-mail on roads@drdni.gov.uk

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

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