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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2008-04372

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: LATEST FIGURES ON FOREIGN NATIONALS ARRESTED FOR DRINK/DRUG DRIVING

Request:

Question 1: How many people in total have been arrested for the above including people from NI.

Question 2: What's the breakdown country by country.

Question 3: What are the figures for RTC's which involve foreign nationals and

Question 4: How many fatal RTC's?

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: The Police Service of Northern Ireland has been able to provide the following figure using offence codes relating to Driving with Excess Alcohol and Driving Whilst Unfit due to Drink or Drugs: For the year 2007, there were 4,308 persons arrested.

Answer 2: Please refer to the document 0000001671pdf attached (Appendix A). It should be noted that the Police Service of Northern Ireland can only provide figures of nationality where the detained person has voluntarily provided what they consider to be their nationality.

Answer 3 & 4: Please refer to the document 0000001673pdf attached (Appendix B). A foreign national driver is defined as a driver whose nationality is outside the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland. It should be noted that the Police Service of Northern Ireland can only provide figures of nationality where the detained person has voluntarily provided what they consider to be their nationality. Where the individual has more than one nationality input and one is the United Kingdom or Ireland, the person is not deemed as having a foreign nationality.

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.psnipolice.uk.

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

Appendix A

F-2008-04372 Question 2

Nationality	Count
Algeria;	1
Australia;	1
Bangladesh;	1
Brazil;	2
Bulgaria;	1
Canada;	5
China;	2
Cuba;	1
Czech Republic;	16
Czech Republic;Slovakia;	1
Ecuador;	1
Estonia;	2
Estonia;Russian Federation;	1
Fiji;	1
France;	4
Germany;	3
Guyana;	2
Hungary;	6
India;	11
India;Mexico;	1
Iran, Islamic republic of;	2
Ireland;	337
Kenya;	1
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya;	1
Lithuania;	278
Latvia;	49
Latvia;Yugoslavia;	3
Mongolia;	1
Moldova, Republic of;	2
Nigeria;	4
Pakistan;	1
Philippines;	2
Poland;	170
Portugal;	37
Romania;	6
Russian Federation;	5
South Africa;	12
Scotland;	24
Spain;	3
Slovakia;	30
Sweden;	3
Seychelles;	1
Turkey;	1
United Kingdom;	340
United Kingdom;Ireland;	1
United Kingdom;England;	5
United Kingdom;Northern Ireland;	4

Appendix A

England;	81
Northern Ireland;	2795
Northern Ireland;Ireland;	12
Northern Ireland;Lithuania;	2
Northern Ireland;New Zealand;	1
Northern Ireland;Poland;	1
Northern Ireland;South Africa;	1
Ukraine;	9
Wales;	7
United States of America;	4
Zimbabwe;	9

Note : The figures provided are where the detained person has voluntarily provided the PSNI with what they consider is their nationality.

F-2008-04372 Questions 3 & 4

**Number of injury road traffic collisions
involving a foreign national* driver: FY2007/08**

Fatal Collision	11
Serious Collision	49
Slight Collision	328
Total	388

*A foreign national driver is defined as a driver whose nationality is outside the United Kingdom or Ireland.

Please note that nationality information was not available for 1,989 drivers (17% of all drivers involved in an injury RTC).