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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2008-03559

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: NUMBER OF PEOPLE FINED FOR USING MOBILE PHONES WHILST DRIVING

Request:

Please can you outline the number of people fined for using mobile phones while driving, per year, over the last five years, in Northern Ireland.

Please show the amount of the fines individuals had to pay, and the total fines.

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.

The information attached has been split into two date ranges, 1st March 2004 to 29th July 2007 this is the period when using a mobile phone whilst driving became an offence, please find attached information when the offence was Non Endorsable within (**0000001497.pdf**) and 30th July onwards was when the offence became endorsable (**0000001498.pdf**). If 2007 figures for both reports are added up it will give a total for the calendar year.

With reference to the 'Fines Collected' column this only refers to payments collected by the Fixed Penalty Office (FPO) and does NOT include revenue generated when the fixed penalty is not paid and the fine is increased by 50% and registered at court. We do not have any input into the process when it becomes fine registered. The reason for the amount collected not being an exact multiple of the fine amount is that the FPO sometimes accept foreign currency for penalty payments and may lodge an amount higher/or lower than the penalty amount depending on currency rates. This tends to happen more with non-endorsable notices.

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.

Mobile Phone Offences (£30 Fixed Penalty) - 01/03/04 to 29/07/07

Offence Type	Year of Offence	FPNs Issued	Fines Collected
Mobile Phone Offences	2004	8939	£190,457
	2005	17251	£397,631
	2006	21724	£499,125
	2007	10056	£242,052

Mobile Phone Offences - 30/07/07 to 31/05/08
(£60 Fixed Penalty & 3 Penalty Points)

Date: 03/07/08

Offence Type	Year of Offence	FPNs Issued	Fines Collected
Mobile Phone Offences	2007	6850	£256,770
	2008	7080	£268,230