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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-03558

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** ATM CRIME - 2008/9

### Request and Answer:

#### Question

I wish to discover the number of ATM frauds reported to police in Northern Ireland (Belfast in particular) in 2008 and 2009 to date. This should cover all methods of fraud, including devices that facilitate duplication of the bank card and those which capture the PIN as it is entered.

#### Answer

2008 - 139 instances  
2009 (to date) - 125 instances

The figures given for this type of crime refer to the number of individual customers whose card details were captured, not the number of times devices were fitted to ATMs, since a single device fitted to an ATM can capture multiple card numbers. None of the incidents occurred in Belfast.

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