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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-01678

Keyword: Crime

Subject: HOAX BOMB INCIDENTS

Request and Answer:

Question 1

The number of hoax bomb / device incidents recorded in Northern Ireland between April 1 2008 and March 31 2009.

Answer

Please see below.

Question 2

The number of hoax bomb / device incidents recorded in Northern Ireland between April 1 2007 and March 31 2008.

Answer

Please see below.

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.

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

Recorded bomb hoax related crime¹

Northern Ireland

	2007/08	2008/09
Recorded	222	426

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

¹ Bomb hoax related crime includes Placing article causing bomb hoax, Conspire to place article causing bomb hoax, Attempt to place article causing bomb hoax, Dispatching article causing bomb hoax, Conspiracy to dispatch article causing bomb hoax and Communicating false information causing bomb hoax.