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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request Number: F-2009-01434

Keyword: Crime

Subject: LIVESTOCK THEFTS

Request and Answer:

Question 1
Please provide a breakdown of all thefts of livestock (i.e. farm animals), which have been reported stolen in each of the last three years. I would ask that the data is broken down by quarter (i.e. January to March 2006, April to June 2006 and so on). In each instance please specify the date, details of the number and type of livestock stolen, the financial value of the livestock, and the PSNI's DCU/area in which the theft took place.

Answer
Please see attached document below. The information provided is based on data inputted by local districts and in some instances; information has not yet been recorded at the time of your request.

Question 2
Please provide copies of all internal PSNI correspondence relating to livestock thefts in Northern Ireland since January 1, 2008.

Answer
The cost of locating, retrieving and summarising the information requested in question 2, would exceed the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information Regulations 2004, which is currently set by the Secretary of State at £450(18hrs) for each request. In order to obtain the information in question 2 alone would take in excess of 80hrs. To locate, retrieve and summarise all internal correspondence, for one District Command Unit alone, would require all operational officers covering full and part time across all ranks to check all documentation they would hold. This would not include those officers who are on annual leave or who have recently retired from the PSNI. To carry out such a trawl would take in excess of 80 hrs, which far exceeds the current limit as set by the Secretary of State.

The PSNI have also considered whether we can be of any assistance in terms of helping you refine your request to bring it under the cost limit, however, the nature and structure of the information unfortunately makes this impossible.

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 PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ http://www.psni.police.uk/

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

RECORDED BURGLARY, THEFT AND ROBBERY OFFENCES WHERE PROPERTY STOLEN IS A LIVESTOCK[1]

Note: This information is based on operational data and may be subject to change

Policing Area	Date Reported	Animal Type	Quantity	Value
Armagh	30-Jan-2006	Cattle	5	£1,800.00
Ballymoney	2-Feb-2006	Cattle	18	£6,300.00
Omagh	20-Feb-2006	Cattle	.	.
Antrim	24-Feb-2006	Cattle	.	£400.00
Lisburn	27-Feb-2006	Cattle	1	.
Antrim	12-Mar-2006	Cattle	5	£1,500.00
Magherafelt	18-Mar-2006	Cattle	2	£500.00
Magherafelt	23-Mar-2006	Cattle	28	£10,000.00
Fermanagh	28-Mar-2006	Cattle	1	£650.00
Craigavon	1-Apr-2006	Cattle	1	£500.00
Ballymena	3-Apr-2006	Cattle	1	£160.00
Newry & Mourne	6-Apr-2006	Cattle	.	£3,000.00
Lisburn	18-Apr-2006	Cattle	.	£15,000.00
Antrim	22-Apr-2006	Cattle	18	£12,000.00
Magherafelt	9-May-2006	Cattle	2	£1,400.00
Newtownabbey	9-May-2006	Cattle	76	£51,000.00
Craigavon	11-May-2006	Cattle	.	£1,300.00
Craigavon	16-May-2006	Cattle	.	£10,000.00
Omagh	17-Jun-2006	Cattle	1	.
Down	19-Jun-2006	Cattle	9	£7,000.00
Lisburn	9-Jul-2006	Cattle	2	.
Omagh	10-Jul-2006	Cattle	1	£300.00
Craigavon	27-Jul-2006	Cattle	.	£500.00
Craigavon	30-Jul-2006	Cattle	.	£500.00
Ballymena	9-Aug-2006	Cattle	5	£5,000.00
Dungannon & South Tyrone	15-Aug-2006	Cattle	7	£4,000.00
Moyle	9-Sep-2006	Cattle	.	£260.00
Lisburn	15-Sep-2006	Cattle	.	£1,800.00
Newtownabbey	10-Nov-2006	Cattle	.	£1,600.00

[1] Farm animals identified on the crime recording systems as Cattle, Sheep, Pigs, Donkeys, goats and Poultry.

Banbridge	25-Nov-2006	Cattle	.		£450.00
Craigavon	23-Dec-2006	Cattle	.		£5,000.00
Newry & Mourne	27-Dec-2006	Cattle		2	£400.00
Antrim	30-Dec-2006	Cattle		2	£550.00
Dungannon & South Tyrone	1-Jan-2007	Cattle		110	£25,000.00
Armagh	15-Jan-2007	Cattle		2	£1,700.00
Foyle	15-Jan-2007	Cattle		4	£3,500.00
Craigavon	3-Feb-2007	Cattle		18	.
Fermanagh	10-Feb-2007	Cattle		2	£700.00
Antrim	2-Mar-2007	Cattle		1	£700.00
Newry & Mourne	5-Mar-2007	Cattle	.		£350.00
Lisburn	7-Mar-2007	Cattle	.		.
Armagh	8-Mar-2007	Cattle		2	£1,100.00
Limavady	21-Mar-2007	Cattle		3	£1,200.00
Down	27-Mar-2007	Cattle		6	£5,000.00
Dungannon & South Tyrone	28-Mar-2007	Cattle	.		£800.00
Omagh	2-Apr-2007	Cattle	.		£150.00
Ballymoney	11-Apr-2007	Cattle	.		.
Cookstown	15-Apr-2007	Cattle		7	£2,450.00
Ballymena	18-Apr-2007	Cattle		1	.
Armagh	19-May-2007	Cattle		35	.
Armagh	25-May-2007	Cattle		7	£3,350.00
Armagh	26-May-2007	Cattle		4	£3,000.00
Cookstown	28-May-2007	Cattle		1	£800.00
Newry & Mourne	16-Jun-2007	Cattle	.		.
Down	14-Jul-2007	Cattle		46	£20,000.00
Newry & Mourne	15-Jul-2007	Cattle	.		.
Armagh	18-Jul-2007	Cattle		2	£1,500.00
Fermanagh	18-Jul-2007	Cattle		1	£450.00
Moyle	22-Aug-2007	Cattle	.		.
Armagh	25-Aug-2007	Cattle		2	£1,700.00
Strabane	6-Sep-2007	Cattle		2	.
Larne	8-Sep-2007	Cattle		7	£9,000.00
Armagh	3-Oct-2007	Cattle		2	£1,700.00
Banbridge	28-Oct-2007	Cattle		1	£425.00
Larne	2-Nov-2007	Cattle		4	£3,600.00

Newry & Mourne	8-Nov-2007	Cattle		4	.
Omagh	13-Nov-2007	Cattle	.		£400.00
Omagh	13-Nov-2007	Cattle		1	.
Ballymoney	16-Nov-2007	Cattle		10	.
Ballymena	17-Nov-2007	Cattle		3	£1,600.00
Limavady	22-Nov-2007	Cattle		7	£3,000.00
Banbridge	24-Nov-2007	Cattle	.		£700.00
Antrim	30-Nov-2007	Cattle	.	.	
Foyle	1-Dec-2007	Cattle	.	.	
Newry & Mourne	4-Dec-2007	Cattle	.	.	
Lisburn	7-Dec-2007	Cattle		3	£1,800.00
Strabane	13-Dec-2007	Cattle		9	.
Dungannon & South Tyrone	21-Dec-2007	Cattle		1	£400.00
Strabane	8-Jan-2008	Cattle	.	.	
Newtownabbey	18-Jan-2008	Cattle		6	£2,100.00
Armagh	30-Jan-2008	Cattle		3	£3,000.00
Armagh	6-Feb-2008	Cattle		6	£4,800.00
Strabane	19-Feb-2008	Cattle		5	£1,000.00
Banbridge	24-Feb-2008	Cattle		1	.
Antrim	27-Feb-2008	Cattle		5	£1,750.00
Armagh	11-Mar-2008	Cattle		6	£500.00
Dungannon & South Tyrone	11-Mar-2008	Cattle	.		£400.00
Foyle	11-Apr-2008	Cattle	.	.	
Armagh	26-Apr-2008	Cattle		7	£1,400.00
Dungannon & South Tyrone	2-May-2008	Cattle		6	£2,400.00
Lisburn	3-May-2008	Cattle	.		£1,500.00
Larne	4-May-2008	Cattle	.	.	
Newry & Mourne	22-May-2008	Cattle		8	.
Newry & Mourne	4-Jun-2008	Cattle		12	.
Dungannon & South Tyrone	11-Jul-2008	Cattle		6	.
Newry & Mourne	12-Jul-2008	Cattle		3	.
Armagh	24-Jul-2008	Cattle		14	£8,000.00
Craigavon	25-Jul-2008	Cattle		5	£3,000.00
Fermanagh	4-Sep-2008	Cattle	.		£800.00
Newtownabbey	25-Sep-2008	Cattle	.	.	
Strabane	23-Oct-2008	Cattle	.	.	

Newry & Mourne	24-Oct-2008	Cattle	.	.
Omagh	31-Oct-2008	Cattle	.	£1,000.00
Armagh	1-Nov-2008	Cattle	1	£2,500.00
Ballymena	21-Nov-2008	Cattle	4	.
Limavady	25-Nov-2008	Cattle	16	.
Limavady	8-Dec-2008	Cattle	.	.
Lisburn	10-Dec-2008	Cattle	.	£250.00
Omagh	12-Dec-2008	Cattle	1	£800.00
Foyle	13-Dec-2008	Cattle	.	.
Dungannon & South Tyrone	17-Dec-2008	Cattle	8	£8,000.00
Limavady	17-Dec-2008	Cattle	.	£300.00
Armagh	18-Dec-2008	Cattle	2	£2,000.00
Banbridge	26-Jan-2006	Donkey	4	£4,000.00
Magherafelt	3-Nov-2006	Donkey	.	£300.00
Down	15-Sep-2007	Donkey/Mule/A	.	.
Antrim	12-Dec-2007	Donkey/Mule/A	.	£300.00
Armagh	4-Oct-2008	Donkey/Mule/A	2	£1,400.00
Coleraine	30-Aug-2007	Goat	2	.
Fermanagh	9-Nov-2007	Goat	1	£120.00
Cookstown	3-May-2008	Goat	2	£550.00
Cookstown	3-May-2008	Goat	2	£550.00
Strabane	13-Oct-2007	Pig	55	£11,000.00
Larne	30-Oct-2008	Pig	.	£18,000.00
Fermanagh	30-Jun-2007	Poultry	11	£50.00
Ballymena	1-Oct-2007	Poultry	3	.
Fermanagh	19-Dec-2007	Poultry	35	.
Fermanagh	17-Mar-2008	Poultry	15	£100.00
Craigavon	26-Jun-2008	Poultry	1	£20.00
Newry & Mourne	20-Sep-2008	Poultry	20	£100.00
Down	24-Sep-2008	Poultry	3	£60.00
Down	21-Oct-2008	Poultry	200	.
Down	25-Oct-2008	Poultry	1	£10.00
Carrickfergus	26-Nov-2008	Poultry	.	.
Down	2-Dec-2008	Poultry	14	£700.00
Magherafelt	8-Dec-2008	Poultry	70	.
Omagh	12-Dec-2008	Poultry	14	£700.00

South Belfast	15-Dec-2008	Poultry	10	.
Newry & Mourne	13-Jan-2006	Sheep	23	£1,380.00
Magherafelt	22-Jan-2006	Sheep	11	£1,000.00
Fermanagh	25-Jan-2006	Sheep	21	£1,963.50
Newry & Mourne	2-Mar-2006	Sheep	6	£300.00
Limavady	9-Mar-2006	Sheep	2	£800.00
Limavady	12-Mar-2006	Sheep	38	£2,095.00
Ballymoney	14-Mar-2006	Sheep	.	£2,300.00
Foyle	19-Mar-2006	Sheep	2	£20.00
Ballymena	31-Mar-2006	Sheep	2	£20.00
Magherafelt	12-Apr-2006	Sheep	6	£150.00
Moyle	12-Apr-2006	Sheep	8	£500.00
Magherafelt	1-May-2006	Sheep	11	£770.00
Limavady	22-May-2006	Sheep	2	£40.00
Coleraine	2-Jun-2006	Sheep	27	£1,500.00
Limavady	14-Jun-2006	Sheep	70	£1,200.00
Limavady	24-Jul-2006	Sheep	61	£6,000.00
Moyle	27-Jul-2006	Sheep	.	£500.00
Moyle	12-Aug-2006	Sheep	18	£663.00
Banbridge	18-Aug-2006	Sheep	.	£13,000.00
Limavady	21-Aug-2006	Sheep	25	£2,000.00
Limavady	12-Sep-2006	Sheep	65	£3,250.00
Ballymoney	6-Oct-2006	Sheep	.	£3,000.00
Moyle	13-Oct-2006	Sheep	14	£700.00
Newry & Mourne	14-Nov-2006	Sheep	2	£400.00
Moyle	28-Nov-2006	Sheep	.	£125.00
Armagh	12-Dec-2006	Sheep	6	£300.00
Moyle	22-Dec-2006	Sheep	.	£3,600.00
Armagh	6-Mar-2007	Sheep	28	£1,596.00
Ards	31-Mar-2007	Sheep	.	£20.00
Newry & Mourne	17-Apr-2007	Sheep	50	.
Fermanagh	31-May-2007	Sheep	.	£1,200.00
Magherafelt	9-Jun-2007	Sheep	2	.
Foyle	13-Jun-2007	Sheep	6	.
Banbridge	14-Jun-2007	Sheep	35	£3,000.00
Lisburn	27-Jun-2007	Sheep	1	.

Moyle	6-Aug-2007	Sheep	.	.	
Foyle	11-Sep-2007	Sheep		12	.
Limavady	7-Oct-2007	Sheep		57	£2,500.00
Limavady	17-Oct-2007	Sheep		64	£5,000.00
Castlereagh	30-Nov-2007	Sheep		200	£20,000.00
Magherafelt	20-Dec-2007	Sheep		53	.
Fermanagh	19-Jan-2008	Sheep		14	.
North Down	21-Jan-2008	Sheep		2	.
Moyle	12-Feb-2008	Sheep	.	.	
Ards	23-Feb-2008	Sheep	.		£15.00
Magherafelt	6-Mar-2008	Sheep		14	.
Ballymena	13-Mar-2008	Sheep		23	.
Larne	5-Apr-2008	Sheep		3	£150.00
Magherafelt	19-May-2008	Sheep		2	£150.00
Antrim	27-May-2008	Sheep		5	£250.00
Ballymoney	22-Jun-2008	Sheep		14	£1,000.00
Ballymena	4-Aug-2008	Sheep	.	.	
Moyle	10-Aug-2008	Sheep	.	.	
Newry & Mourne	28-Aug-2008	Sheep		10	£500.00
Ballymena	8-Sep-2008	Sheep		39	.
Strabane	19-Sep-2008	Sheep		11	.
Larne	19-Oct-2008	Sheep		58	£3,500.00
Banbridge	23-Oct-2008	Sheep	.		£700.00
Coleraine	25-Oct-2008	Sheep	.	.	
Moyle	2-Nov-2008	Sheep		6	£360.00
Moyle	6-Nov-2008	Sheep	.	.	
Ballymena	20-Nov-2008	Sheep		36	£2,160.00
Ballymena	23-Nov-2008	Sheep		33	£1,500.00
Fermanagh	9-Dec-2008	Sheep		6	£450.00
Newry & Mourne	13-Dec-2008	Sheep		18	£900.00