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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-01726

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: FIREARMS CERTIFICATES (FAC's)

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How many firearm certificates are currently issued by the PSNI that include a condition for deer culling?

Answer

335 FAC's are currently issued which include a condition, which restricts use to the lawful shooting of deer on lands for which the holder has lawful authority to shoot over.

Question 2

How many firearm certificates are currently issued by the PSNI that include a condition for deer culling to holders resident in the ROI?

Answer

There are no FAC's currently issued that match this criteria.

Question 3

How many firearm certificates are currently issued by the PSNI that include a condition for deer culling to holders resident in Northern Ireland?

Answer

There are 335 FAC's as per question 1.

Question 4

How many rifles in total are authorised for deer culling on FAC's issued by the PSNI? (Total number of firearms not just number of FAC's i.e. in cases where a holder has more than one rifle authorised.)

Answer

There are a total of 419 rifles restricted to the lawful shooting of deer on lands for which the holder has lawful authority to shoot over.

Question 5

How many handguns are authorised for humane dispatch on FAC's by the PSNI?

Answer

There are 20 handguns that meet this criteria.

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