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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02997

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: POLICE STATIONS BEING BROKEN INTO / BURGLED / VANDALISED

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Can you tell me how many police stations in your constabulary have been broken into, burgled or vandalised over the past 3 years. Ideally, I would like a total for each category for each year e.g.: 2006 4 were burgled, 3 vandalised etc, but if that is not possible then an overall figure would suffice.

Answer

Please see below - answer as per clarification returned which includes the total number of recorded burglary and criminal damage offences where the location is indicated to have occurred at a PSNI building for each financial year.

Question 2

Can you also tell me how many police stations are operated by your constabulary?

Answer

There are 79 operational police stations.

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

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

Recorded burglary and criminal damage offences where location information indicates the incident to have occurred at PSNI premises¹

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	Burglary	Criminal Damage
2006/07	0	103
2007/08	4	132
2008/09	4	107

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

¹ The system which was used for crime recording from the start of 2001/02 (ICIS) was replaced by a new system on 1st April 2007 (NICHE). On ICIS (2006/07 figures), Modus Operandi (MO) locational information is used to identify incidents having occurred at a PSNI station. On NICHE (2007/08 and 2008/09 figures), address information is used to identify incidents having occurred at PSNI premises. From NICHE, It is not possible to distinguish if the PSNI premises is a police station or not.

These figures are based on operational data taken from a live crime recording system and may be subject to change.