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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



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Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: PSNI VEHICLES & DRIVER TRAINING

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How many vehicles, in total, are used by the PSNI?

Answer

There are 2817 Commissioned vehicles at this date.

Question 2

What are the make and model of the vehicles used?

Answer

Please see attached document listing liveried vehicles currently in use.

Question 3

What criteria are used by the PSNI in selecting a make and model of a vehicle?

Answer

The National Association of Police Fleet Managers Framework Agreement & Specification Working Group define operational needs.

PSNI make use of pre-tendered framework arrangements let and managed by the National Police Improvement Agency (NPIA);

In such case the choice of vehicle is made in accordance with categories within the aforementioned frameworks dependant on the intended role of that vehicle;

Vehicles are chosen in accordance with the following criteria:

- Compliance to the specification
- Ability to deliver the requirement to the appropriate standard to the PSNI
- Most economically advantageous/overall value for money having regard to a number of factors including whole life cost
- Environment policies.

Question 4

For how many years would any particular vehicle be used before it is replaced?

Answer

As per withdrawal document and operation requirements (see attached document) and this is budget dependant. Note vehicles are considered for withdrawal at either the age/mileage criteria and a condition report completed. Consideration

of factors such as any necessary repairs/cost to repair or replace a vehicle and operational need are taken into account before a decision is taken to withdraw a vehicle.

Question 5

What plans, if any, are in place to replace existing models that are deemed unsuitable or that are not in production any longer?

Answer

Please see response to questions 3 and 4 above and refer to attached withdrawal policy. Note within the Police Service of Northern Ireland, there is ongoing downsizing of vehicle model types and reduction of the overall number of fleet vehicles.

Question 6

What training, if any, is given to officers on how to handle vehicles at high speed?

Answer

All police drivers are trained to National Police ACPO standards. Driving in excess of the speed limits is covered on both Standard and Advanced courses. The ACPO driving manual determines the methodology of this training, which is achieved through theoretical but mostly practical instruction on the public roads. Driving in excess of speed limits is only permitted by officers when the police vehicle is being used for police purpose and if compliance with the speed limit would be likely to hinder the use of the vehicle for that purpose.

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Police Service of Northern Ireland

Transport Services - Fleet Withdrawal Policy

From April 2008 to April 2010

VEHICLE CATEGORY	MILEAGE	TIME
1. Protected Land Rovers	150K	8 yrs
2a. Protected Cars Medium	150K	5 yrs
2b. Protected Cars Large	150k	5 yrs
2c. Protected 4X4s	150K	5 yrs
3a. Small Saloon Cars/Vans	150K	5 yrs
3b. Medium Cars	150K	5 yrs
3c. Large Cars	150K	5 yrs
4. Non-protected & 4x4s	150K	5 yrs
5. Transit/LDV-Vans/Mini buses	150K	5 yrs
6. Motorcycles	070k	5 yrs
7. Specialist /LGVs/ Miscellaneous	N/A	8 yrs

All vehicles will have a condition report; as per the above indicators.

The final decision on vehicle withdrawal will be made after a vehicle condition report is completed

Range of liveried vehicles currently in use - as at June 2009

Ford Focus
Ford Focus Estate
Ford Galaxy
Ford Mondeo
Ford Mondeo Estate
Ford Transit
Honda CBR Super Blackbird
Honda Deauville
BMW R1200RT
Honda Transalp
Honda Quad
Landrover
Landrover County
Landrover Defender
Landrover Rangerover
LDV Convoy
LDV Convoy cell van
Leyland DAF
Leyland DAF cub cell van
Mercedes Sprinter (mobile police station)
MG ZT
Mitsubishi Lancer EVO V111
Mitsubishi Shogun
Mitsubishi Shogun sport
Skoda Octavia
Skoda Octavia 4x4
Skoda Octavia Estate
Skoda Superb
Somati Water cannon
Trailer
Vauxhall Astra
Vauxhall Omega
Vauxhall Omega Estate
Vauxhall Vectra
Vauxhall Vectra Estate
Volkswagen 46 van
Volkswagen T30 cell van
Volkswagen LT35 van
Volkswagen Passat
Volkswagen Passat estate
Volkswagen Transporter
Volkswagen LT van
VW Crafter van