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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-00926

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: COLLISIONS INVOLVING THE LOSS OF CONTROL OF A BMW MINI

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

As communicated to you on 16th March 2009 we stated that we could provide information where a BMW Mini was involved in an injury road traffic collision from January 2006 to October 2008 (Apr - Oct 2008 information would be provisional) where the cause of collision was deemed 'No apparent cause/cause not traced' or 'Defective steering/suspension'. You indicated you would be content to receive this response.

Question 1

How many road traffic collisions have you investigated between January 2001 and March 2009 which involved the loss of control of a BMW Mini, and where no conclusion could be reached as to the cause?

Question 2

How many road traffic collisions have you investigated between January 2001 and March 2009 where the cause of the crash was a faulty or failed Power Steering System on a BMW mini?

Answer

Central Statistics Branch have advised that the answer to questions 1 & 2 is Nil.

Question 3

Please could you provide a breakdown of the dates and locations of those crashes referred to in question 2, including the numbers and nature of injuries for each?

Question 4

Please provide any additional supporting information relating to question 2, which you feel may assist in this journalistic investigation.

Answer

Not applicable

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Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing FOI@psni.pnn.police.uk

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