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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02588

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: USE OF MOBILE PHONES WHILST DRIVING - F DISTRICT

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Please state the date when the new law banning people from using mobile phones while driving came into force in Northern Ireland.

Answer

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides that information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means is exempt information. The information you have requested is available on the Office of Public Sector Information website.

For your information details of the law banning people from using mobile phones can be viewed at -

<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/sr/sr2003/20030537.htm>

Question 2

Please provide monthly statistics for the number of people fined for the above offence, since this law was introduced in Northern Ireland for each of the following areas: Cookstown, Dungannon/South Tyrone, Omagh and Fermanagh.

Answer

Please see attached documents.

Question 3

For each of the four areas, please state if any phone-related accidents occurred which left people (1) killed and (2) seriously injured.

Answer

There have been no injury collisions attributed to 'Using mobile phone' where a person was killed or seriously injured in F District from 01/04/2007 - 31/03/2009.

Please note, figures can only be provided from 01 April 2007 as this is when 'Using mobile phone' was introduced as a contributory factor to collisions.

Question 4

Please also state the monthly revenue/money raised in fines (again in each of the four areas) for people committing this offence.

Answer

The cost of complying with your request for information in question 4 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. The monthly revenue for F district for the years in question is not available in that the revenue is not broken down by district. To retrieve this information would involve staff manually trawling through all cases to ascertain which district it pertained to. This would be a labour intensive and time consuming task.

I have considered whether I can be of any assistance in terms of helping you refine your request for question 4 to bring it under the cost limit, however, due to the structure and nature of the request this would be 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 @ www.psni.police.uk

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

**MOBILE PHONE REPORT - 'F' DISTRICT - 2004
BREAKDOWN BY MONTH - 2004**

LOCATION

	01/01/2004 - 31/01/2004	01/02/2004 - 29/02/2004	01/03/2004 - 31/03/2004	01/04/2004 - 30/04/2004	01/05/2004 - 31/05/2004	01/06/2004 - 30/06/2004	01/07/2004 - 31/07/2004	01/08/2004 - 31/08/2004	01/09/2004 - 30/09/2004	01/10/2004 - 31/10/2004	01/11/2004 - 30/11/2004	01/12/2004 - 31/12/2004	TOTALS
DUNGANNON	0	0	25	14	22	26	21	26	33	61	40	40	308
OMAGH	0	0	4	3	8	19	27	26	23	32	18	19	179
COOKSTOWN	0	0	10	33	29	20	27	15	28	42	26	24	254
FERMANAGH	0	1	17	10	12	16	8	6	17	21	28	36	172
TOTALS	0	1	56	60	71	81	83	73	101	156	112	119	913

**MOBILE PHONE REPORT - 'F' DISTRICT - 2005
BREAKDOWN BY MONTH - 2005**

LOCATION

	01/01/2005 - 31/01/2005	01/02/2005 - 28/02/2005	01/03/2005 - 31/03/2005	01/04/2005 - 30/04/2005	01/05/2005 - 31/05/2005	01/06/2005 - 30/06/2005	01/07/2005 - 31/07/2005	01/08/2005 - 31/08/2005	01/09/2005 - 30/09/2005	01/10/2005 - 31/10/2005	01/11/2005 - 30/11/2005	01/12/2005 - 31/12/2005	TOTALS
DUNGANNON	42	60	59	81	68	68	62	70	81	88	85	101	865
OMAGH	47	41	70	40	88	77	53	19	28	51	63	44	621
COOKSTOWN	26	39	31	30	19	14	28	21	51	22	19	11	311
FERMANAGH	15	37	31	40	50	25	41	31	50	60	58	84	522
TOTALS	130	177	191	191	225	184	184	141	210	221	225	240	2319

**MOBILE PHONE REPORT - 'F' DISTRICT - 2006
BREAKDOWN BY MONTH - 2006**

LOCATION

	01/01/2006 - 31/01/2006	01/02/2006 - 28/02/2006	01/03/2006 - 31/03/2006	01/04/2006 - 30/04/2006	01/05/2006 - 31/05/2006	01/06/2006 - 30/06/2006	01/07/2006 - 31/07/2006	01/08/2006 - 31/08/2006	01/09/2006 - 30/09/2006	01/10/2006 - 31/10/2006	01/11/2006 - 30/11/2006	01/12/2006 - 31/12/2006	TOTALS
DUNGANNON	64	142	87	106	140	84	83	84	95	106	112	89	1192
OMAGH	42	35	57	84	62	40	32	47	41	40	44	22	546
COOKSTOWN	25	18	16	26	56	28	26	42	23	34	30	23	347
FERMANAGH	60	62	75	71	77	35	38	43	50	52	56	37	656
TOTALS	191	257	235	287	335	187	179	216	209	232	242	171	2741

**MOBILE PHONE REPORT - 'F' DISTRICT - 2007
BREAKDOWN BY MONTH - JANUARY / JUNE - 2007**

LOCATION

	01/01/2007 - 31/01/2007	01/02/2007 - 28/02/2007	01/03/2007 - 31/03/2007	01/04/2007 - 30/04/2007	01/05/2007 - 31/05/2007	01/06/2007 - 30/06/2007	TOTALS
DUNGANNON	139	119	103	124	89	41	615
OMAGH	85	57	53	66	56	56	373
COOKSTOWN	16	28	28	42	54	68	236
FERMANAGH	39	65	43	66	70	49	332
TOTALS	279	269	227	298	269	214	1556

**MOBILE PHONE REPORT - 'F' DISTRICT - 2007
BREAKDOWN BY MONTH - JULY / DECEMBER - 2007**

LOCATION

	01/07/2007 - 31/07/2007	01/08/2007 - 31/08/2007	01/09/2007 - 30/09/2007	01/10/2007 - 31/10/2007	01/11/2007 - 30/11/2007	01/12/2007 - 31/12/2007	TOTALS
DUNGANNON	3	76	43	51	49	33	255
OMAGH	2	48	35	40	29	25	179
COOKSTOWN	2	46	34	44	22	18	166
FERMANAGH	0	19	18	33	24	36	130
TOTALS	7	189	130	168	124	112	730

**MOBILE PHONE REPORT - 'F' DISTRICT - 2008
BREAKDOWN BY MONTH - 2008**

LOCATION

	01/01/2008 - 31/01/2008	01/02/2008 - 29/02/2008	01/03/2008 - 31/03/2008	01/04/2008 - 30/04/2008	01/05/2008 - 31/05/2008	01/06/2008 - 30/06/2008	01/07/2008 - 31/07/2008	01/08/2008 - 31/08/2008	01/09/2008 - 30/09/2008	01/10/2008 - 31/10/2008	01/11/2008 - 30/11/2008	01/12/2008 - 31/12/2008	TOTALS
DUNGANNON	54	39	36	42	48	50	38	50	43	65	28	36	529
OMAGH	29	36	27	40	40	26	28	27	17	34	26	27	357
COOKSTOWN	29	28	33	46	37	26	40	38	16	12	19	23	347
FERMANAGH	18	37	33	40	24	26	31	24	13	20	26	31	323
TOTALS	130	140	129	168	149	128	137	139	89	131	99	117	1556

**MOBILE PHONE REPORT - 'F' DISTRICT - 2009
BREAKDOWN BY MONTH - 2009**

LOCATION

	01/01/2009 - 31/01/2009	01/02/2009 - 28/02/2009	01/03/2009 - 31/03/2009	01/04/2009 - 30/04/2009	01/05/2009 - 31/05/2009	01/06/2009 - 30/06/2009	01/07/2009 - 31/07/2009	01/08/2009 - 31/08/2009	01/09/2009 - 30/09/2009	01/10/2009 - 31/10/2009	01/11/2009 - 30/11/2009	01/12/2009 - 31/12/2009	SUB-TOTALS
DUNGANNON	50	47	28	45	37	60	66	333					333
OMAGH	39	39	29	42	32	36	22	239					239
COOKSTOWN	23	36	38	34	17	44	35	227					227
FERMANAGH	30	22	28	34	37	36	29	216					216
TOTALS	142	144	123	155	123	176	152	1015					1015