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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F 2010 03555

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Cannabis Seizures

Request and Answer:

Request

Could you provide information on how many cannabis farms were found within your jurisdiction for the past 5yrs. from 01/01/05 to 01/01/10

Clarification

Thank you for a prompt response regarding “cannabis Farms”. In order for me to compile a nationwide study, could you please tell me how many properties were found to have five cannabis plants or over within them for the selected dates.

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.

Number of seizure incidents of 5 cannabis plants or more.

2005 – 2009

Year	No. of seizure incidents of 5 cannabis plants or more ¹
2005	23
2006	56
2007	67
2008	125
2009	80

¹ Please note that we can't determine if the seizure incident occurred at a property

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 letter.

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