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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-00436

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Sheep Stolen during 2009

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.

Question

I am trying to find out the number of sheep stolen from farms throughout the UK in 2009. The Home Office, Defra and NFU Mutual have been unable to provide me with any specific number so I am now emailing each county constabulary individually.

If you would be able to let me know the number of sheep reported stolen in Northern Ireland in 2009 that would be greatly appreciated. The number is needed for a 3rd year Graphic Design project on the subject of rural crime.

Clarification:

Yes, I would still like to know the number of burglary, robbery and theft offences where the property stolen was sheep.

Answer

During 2009 there were 38 burglary, robbery or theft offences where the property stolen was sheep. Using property information it was identified that 627 sheep were recorded as stolen as a result of these incidents. Locational information indicates that these incidents mostly occurred at outbuildings, fields and farms.

These figures are based on information taken from a live crime recording system and will be subject to change.

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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