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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-00085

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Theft of Fuel and Metal 2005 - 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

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, please provide the following details:

The number of thefts of a) fuel and b) metal in your force area for each of the last five years (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009).

Please provide the total value of a) fuel and b) metal stolen in the force area for each of those years.

Answer

Please see the table below detailing thefts of fuel and metal for the years 2005 – 2009 inclusive.

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.

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.

Recorded burglary, robbery and theft offences where the property stolen is indicated as metal¹ or fuel²

Northern Ireland

	Fuel			Metal		
	Number of recorded offences	Total Value of property stolen	Number of occurrences where the value of stolen property is unknown	Number of recorded offences	Total Value of property stolen	Number of occurrences where the value of stolen property is unknown
2005	740	£143,373.56	64	52	£60,834.00	6
2006	810	£215,330.06	69	126	£203,455.00	23
2007	595	£135,703.35	83	197	£273,280.57	39
2008	1,631	£479,017.00	345	292	£300,004.50	57
2009	1,063	£293,728.32	270	177	£192,943.40	44

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

¹ Metal types include Aluminium, Brass, Copper, Ferrous, Lead, Non-Ferrous and Scrap.

² Fuel types include Diesel, Diesel – Agri, Fuel – gas, Fuel – Solid, Home Heating Fuel, Pariffin, Petrol, Other.

Please note:

This information is based on operational data taken from a live crime recording system and may be subject to change