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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-01019  
**Keyword:** Road Policing  
**Subject:** Motoring Offences

### Request and Answer:

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information.

### Question 1

I require the following information:

The number of motoring offences in 2009 and (so far) in 2010 when the driver was charged with offences classed under

Driver not in proper control of the vehicle.

### Answer

In 2009 there were 193 offences  
In 2010 there were 51 offences

### Question 2

Driver not in a position to have a full view ahead.

### Answer

In 2009 there were 47 offences  
In 2010 there were 14 offences

### Question 3

If you could give me the number and details of each that would be very helpful. By details I mean (for example), driver holding a mug of tea, driver trying to paint their nails, driver had bonnet up etc.

If it will cost too much to give details of every accident then if you could give me as many as possible that would be great.

## **Answer**

Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit) to provide you the applicant with a notice which states that fact.

It is estimated that the cost of complying with your request for specific details of the offences would exceed the "appropriate costs limit" under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which is currently set by the Secretary of State at £450.

For all of the 305 records held, it would take at least 7 minutes per record to examine, retrieve and compile the information. This process would take approximately 36hrs and would greatly exceed the 18 hour limit.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter should be considered as a Refusal Notice in relation to question 3 and the request has therefore been closed.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland have also considered whether we can be of assistance in terms of helping you refine your request to bring it under the cost limit however, the nature and structure of the information unfortunately makes this impossible.

If you have any queries regarding your request or this 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](mailto: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](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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