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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-02382

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Speed Detections at A1 Dromore

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 and the answers to your questions are as follows.

Question 1

On the 31st December 2008 a speed check was in operation at the junction of lower Quarry Road/A1 Dromore.

Your Constable was checking the traffic along the A1 I would like to know:

How many tickets were issued on the 31st December 2008.

Question 2

What speed these people were doing.

Question 3

How many paid the £60 fine.

Question 4

How many went to court.

Question 5

Of those who went to court how many were prosecuted.

Question 6

Of those not prosecuted what was the reason.

Question 7

What hours were these checks started and ended at.

Question 8

How many times in 2008 has the Constable done speed checks at this location.

Question 9

What are the dates.

Question 10

How much training is required to operate the LTI 20/20 TSIM Speedscope used on the day.

Question 11

How much training is required to operate the Local Video System.

Question 12

How often is the speed camera calibrated.

Question 13

How would the Constable have checked the speed signs?

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 information 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 example, in relation to question 8 & 9 of your request, the Fixed Penalty Processing Centre has advised that it would take approximately 87.98 hrs to retrieve this information. The recording system cannot be interrogated to break down offences by the Issuing Officer and therefore a manual trawl of 5279 offences would be required. This would greatly exceed the 18 hour cost limit.

The PSNI has also considered if it can assist to help you refine your request to bring it under the cost limit. It may be possible to provide answers to some of the other questions in your request within the cost limit.

Submission of a refined request would be treated as a new request and considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, including consideration of any relevant exemptions.

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

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.

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.psnj.police.uk

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