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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-00297

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Speeding Offences on Balmoral Avenue, Belfast.

Request and Answer:

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information and the answer to your question is as follows:

Question 1

Please provide the figures for the number fines and penalty points which have been handed out on Balmoral Avenue Belfast for speeding offences every year for the past ten years.

Answer

PSNI cannot provide you with specifics regarding 'Fines' and 'Penalty Points' as our Safety Camera Section deals only with the number of detections processed.

Detections that have been processed may then be:

1. Cancelled;
2. Turn 'Potential Prosecution'; or
3. Offender may wish to contest the matter in Court.

All 'Fines' & 'Penalty Points' are forwarded to Laganside Courts for Payment & Endorsement.

Once a matter is referred to the courts the fine for one detection can be anything up to £1,000.00 and 6 Penalty Points.

The following link provides you with the guidance if you wish to make a request under Freedom of Information to the Northern Ireland Courts Service: Please note however, on checking with the NI Courts Service, I believe they do not hold any details on where offences occur.

<http://www.courtsni.gov.uk/en-GB/AboutUs/Freedom+of+Information/>.

PSNI however, can provide the speeding detections on Balmoral Avenue, Belfast. Please see table below.

SPEEDING DETECTIONS
BALMORAL AVENUE, BELFAST
WEF: 01/01/200 TO 31/12/2009

Offence	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Breach of 30 MPH	4	-	32	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Excess Speed	9	4	4	28	48	16	7	4	1	3
TOTAL	13	4	36	30	48	16	7	4	1	3

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.psnipolice.uk

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