



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F2011 03020

Keyword: Crime

Subject: ANPR Cameras

Request and Answer:

Question 1

In what year were the first ANPR cameras erected/installed by the PSNI?

Question 2

How many ANPR cameras have been erected/installed by the PSNI in each year since that time? Include figures up to August 31 this year.

Question 3

State how many of these cameras are located at police stations, at road sides and on police vehicles or any other installation or motor vehicle.

Question 4

State the cost of erecting/installing these cameras in each year since they were first introduced. Include figures up to August 31 this year.

Question 5

How many convictions have been secured as a result of the use of these cameras in each year since they were first installed/erected?

Question 6

How many ANPR cameras does the PSNI intend to erect/install over the next five years? What is the estimated cost of the work.

Question 7

Identify each and every security/government agency that can access the information gathered by these cameras.

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.

In relation to question 5, how many convictions have been secured as a result of the use of these cameras in each year since they were first installed/erected? To answer this question would involve a search of **all** convictions in order to identify how many convictions there have been as a result of ANPR cameras, as the PSNI do not record these convictions separately. This question alone would be well in excess of the 18 hours appropriate limit. Please note that when one part of a request exceeds the cost limit the whole request is considered over the cost.

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.

You may wish to submit a refined request in order that the cost of complying with your request may be facilitated within the 'appropriate limit'. In compliance with Section 16 of the Act, I have considered how your request may be refined to bring it under the appropriate limit. However, however the nature and structure of the information unfortunately makes this impossible.

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 relevant Part II exemptions.

The PSNI publishes some information in relation to ANPR cameras and this may be of interest to you

<http://www.psni.police.uk/index/updates/anpr-cameras.htm>

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.

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