



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-02804

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Rural and Agricultural Thefts

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 1

I would like to know how many rural and agricultural thefts have been reported to the PSNI from July 2010 to August 2011 in the Council areas of Limavady and Magherafelt.

Question 2

I would also like to know how many of the reported rural or agricultural thefts have been 'detected' or 'cleared'.

Clarification received:

The definition of rural and agricultural thefts should be thefts of machinery and/or equipment relating to the farming trade.

Answer

From 1st July 2010 to 31st August 2011 there were 11 recorded burglary, robbery or theft offences in the Limavady and Magherafelt policing areas where the property stolen was farm equipment or the MO (Modus Operandi) location indicated the offence to have taken place at a farm.

To date, none of the 11 offences have been detected. However, it should be noted that this can change at any time due to ongoing police investigations.

Please Note: These figures are provisional and may be subject to change.

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.

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