



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-01083

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Thefts By Employees

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

How many thefts by employees were reported between April 2010 and present?

Question 2

What types of items were stolen?

Question 3

How much cash was stolen?

Question 4

Did the thefts result in any arrests?

Question 5

What types of businesses did the thefts take place from?

Question 6

How many thefts by employees were reported between April 2009 and April 2010?

Question 7

How many thefts by employees were reported between April 2008 and April 2009?

Clarification 1, 2 3 and 5

Central Statistics Unit advised that the information they may be able to report on would be the following:

1. The total number of theft by an employee offences from 1st April 2010 to 19th March 2011.
2. A list of item types stolen as a result of offences in Q1.
3. Where money was the property stolen from Q1, the total value where available.
5. A list of business types who are identified as victims from the offences in Q1.

Answer

Please find below in the tables on pages numbered 1 and 2 the information as outlined in the clarification above.

In response to questions 6 and 7 this information can be found in the annual PSNI statistical reports currently published on the PSNI website which may be viewed at

http://www.psni.police.uk/1_recorded_crime_200910.pdf

http://www.psni.police.uk/08_09_recorded_crime.pdf

Answer 4

Central Statistics Unit does not hold figures with regard to arrests and to provide an answer to this question I contacted the department who interrogate our crime recording systems. I have been advised by Information and Communication Systems that the systems show 48 arrests were made with regard to thefts by employee for the period 01/04/2010 to present.

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

Theft by employee offences

Northern Ireland

Please Note: Figures from 1st April 2010 are provisional and may be subject to change

	2008/09	2009/10	1 st Apr 2010-19 th Mar 2011
Recorded	342	278	210

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

Total amount of cash stolen amounts to £681,577.25

Theft by employee offences - type of property stolen

1st Apr 2010-19th Mar 2011

Property description 1	Property description 2	Property description 1	Property description 2
Account	Other	Household articles	Knives
Appliance	Freezer	Household articles	Other
Appliance	Fridge/freezer combined	Household articles	Tables
Appliance	Heater	Jewellery	Pendant
Appliance	Iron	Machinery or tools	
Appliance	Kettle	Machinery or tools	Compressor equipment
Appliance	Other appliance	Machinery or tools	Hand saw (all types)
Building materials		Machinery or tools	Welding equipment
Building materials	Cement	Mail	Letter
Building materials	Electrical materials	Medical equipment	Other
Building materials	Roofing materials	Office equipment	Office/school supplies
Cheque		Office equipment	Other office equipment
Clothing (grouped)	Victim clothing	Opiates-Morphine	
Clothing (single)	Baseball cap	Other article	
Clothing (single)	Coats	Other article	Keys
Clothing (single)	Shirt	Other article	Other
Communications device	Landline	Other article	Pram
Communications device	Mobile telephone	Other article	Prescription drugs
Computers, parts or accessories	Computer games/software	Other article	Scrap metal
Computers, parts or accessories	Disk drive	Other drugs	Tablets
Computers, parts or accessories	Laptop computer	Other securities	
Cosmetics		Passports	
Counterfeit Pound sterling		Personal accessories	Hairdressing equipment
Document		Personal accessories	Spectacles/lenses
Foodstuffs		Photographic equipment	Camera
Foodstuffs	Groceries	Pound sterling	
Foodstuffs	Other consumable	Radio, T.V., etc	Digital video disc (DVD)
Footwear	Boots	Radio, T.V., etc	Headphones
Footwear	Shoe	Radio, T.V., etc	Video cartridge/game
Foreign currency	Euro	Radio, T.V., etc	Walkie-talkie
Fuel		Security equipment	Alarm
Fuel	Diesel	Smoker sundries	Cigarette
Household articles		Sporting goods	Golf equipment
Household articles	Bedspreads/blankets	Vehicle accessory	
Household articles	Kitchen utensils	Vehicle accessory	Route finder (Sat nav)

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

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Theft by employee offences - business types

1st Apr 2010-19th Mar 2011

Business type
Accounting/Financial
Charity
Farming/Conservation
Construction
Community
Computing
Customer services/Retail
Education
Entertainment
Financial
Glazier
Health
Hospital
Housing Association
Telecommunications/IT
Legal/Political
Leisure
Local Authority
Manufacturing
Motoring
Pharmaceutical
Police
Religious
Food services
Retail
Security
Storage
Transport
Utilities

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI