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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request Number: F-2011-01057

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Thefts of Fuel

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
The number of recorded fuel thefts ("make-offs", "bilking") from petrol stations, garage forecourts, supermarkets or convenience stores for each of the following financial years - 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11.

Question 2
The number of recorded fuel thefts from lorries or large commercial vehicles (HGVs) for each of the following financial years - 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11.

Question 3
The number of fuel thefts from cars for each of the following financial years - 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11.

Question 4
The number of fuel thefts from commercial premises such as farms, haulage contractors for each of the following financial years - 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11.

Question 5
The number of fuel thefts from private residential premises for each of the following financial years - 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11.

Question 6
The estimated total value of fuel thefts in the last financial year.

Answer
Please refer to the attached table at the end of the correspondence.

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.

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

Fuel[1] related theft offences

Northern Ireland

	2008/09	2009/10	1st Apr 2010-19th Mar 2011
Q1 Making off without payment offences where the property stolen was fuel[1] and location[2] was at a shop/petrol station/supermarket/convenience store	1391	1206	791
Q2 Theft from vehicle offences where the property stolen was fuel[1] and vehicle was a goods vehicle	51	21	32
Q3 Theft from vehicle offences where the property stolen was fuel[1] and vehicle was a car	11	9	10
Q4 Burglary, robbery or theft offences where the property stolen was fuel[1] and location[2] was a haulage company or farm	36	27	26
Q5 Burglary, robbery or theft offences where the property stolen was fuel[1] and location[2] was a dwelling	1023	577	630

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

[1] Fuel is identified as being Fuel – Gas, Home heating fuel, Paraffin, Diesel, Petrol, Diesel – Agri. Or Fuel Solid.
[2] Location details are dependent on the completion of Modus Operandi information on the PSNI crime recording system.

Q6 There is no overlap of offences counted within each of the categories in response to questions 1 to 5. The monetary value recorded on the system as being the value of the fuel stolen in questions 1 to 5 for the time period 1st April 2010 to 19th March 2011 totals to £478,509.29.

Please Note: These figures are based on information taken from a live crime recording system and will be subject to change.