



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-04009

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Theft at Wind Farms

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

Could you please tell me the number of thefts or security breaches which have been recorded at wind farms in your police jurisdiction each year for the past five (5) years prior to the receipt of this email, specifically between 2005 -2010.

Answer

There were 22 incidents at wind farms from 2005 – 2010. The crimes include burglary, criminal damage and theft.

Question

I would like a detailed breakdown of the type of incidents which have taken place (either proven or alleged), what kind of incident (theft, security breach etc), where the wind farm is (on the street, which area of the city), and any conviction that has taken place (if this is in your ability to expand).

I would be interested in any information held by your organisation regarding my request.

Answer

Please find a breakdown of the incidents at wind farms and where they occurred at the end of this correspondence.

It should be noted that the wind farm recorded as 'Knockhill' is recorded on the computer system incorrectly and is actually called 'Lough Hill'.

The PSNI do not hold the information regarding convictions. This information is available from the Northern Ireland Court Service and a request can be made to their Freedom of Information office. I have provided a link to the website:

<http://www.courtsni.gov.uk/en-GB/AboutUs/Freedom%20of%20Information/Pages/default.aspx>

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.psnj.police.uk

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

Recorded property crime¹ where address information indicates the offences to have taken place at a wind farm

Northern Ireland

There were 17 recorded property crime¹ offences where locational information indicated the occurrence to have occurred at a wind farm from 1st April 2007 to 31st October 2011.

Offence type	Name	Town
Burglary	KNOCKHILL WINDFARM	DRUMQUIN
Burglary	BESSIE BELL WIND FARM	NEWTOWNSTEWART
Criminal damage	BIN MOUNTAIN WIND FARM	OMAGH
Criminal damage	CALLAGHEEN WIND FARM	ENNISKILLEN
Criminal damage	CALLAGHEEN WIND FARM	BELLEEK
Criminal damage	ELLIOTTS HILLS WINDFARM	BALLYCLARE
Criminal damage	HUNTERS HILL WIND FARM	FIVEMILETOWN
Criminal damage	LENDRUMS BRIDGE WINDFARM	FIVEMILETOWN
Criminal damage	SCREGGAGH WIND FARM	FINTONA
Criminal damage	SLEIVE DIVENA WINDFARM	DUNGANNON
Criminal damage	SLIEVEDIVENA WIND FARM	BERAGH
Criminal damage	WINDFARM	FIVEMILETOWN
Theft	BESSIE BELL WIND FARM	NEWTOWNSTEWART
Theft	CURRYFREE WINDFARM	LONDONDERRY
Theft	HUNTERS HILL WINDFARM	FIVEMILETOWN
Theft	SKEGGAGH WIND FARM	FIVEMILETOWN
Theft	SLIEVEDIVENA WIND FARM	BERAGH

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

¹ Property crime includes burglary, theft, criminal damage and fraud & forgery offences.

There were 5 incidents recorded at wind farms from 2005 – 31 March 2007.

Offence	Name	Town
Burglary	Callaghgeen Wind Farm	Garrison
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Criminal Damage	Corkey Wind Farm	Cloughmills
Burglary	Callaghgeen Wind Farm	Garrison
Criminal Damage	Knockhill Windfarm	Drumquin

Source: ICS Branch