



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-01145

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Road Traffic Collisions Involving PSNI Vehicles

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

What is the number of Road Traffic Collisions involving PSNI vehicles in the last three years for which figures are currently available?

Answer

The number of collisions in the last three years involving police vehicles is 2098.

Question 2

What was the nature of each Road Traffic Collision e.g. minor bump/serious crash, and the policing district to which each vehicle was attached, in the last three years for which figures are currently available?

Answer

We categorise all collisions into three categories; slight, minor and major. These categories take into consideration factors other than damage sustained, for example, they may include defects, offences and injury. Therefore, the categories used do not necessarily reflect the nature of the collision in terms of damage.

In the last three years there have been a total of 2098 collisions categorised as follows:

885 Slight contact
733 Minor collisions
480 Major collisions

The police vehicles involved in these collisions in the last three years were attached to the following districts:

A District – 302
B District – 216
C District – 262

D District – 328
E District – 368
F District – 235
G District – 246
H District - 141

Question 3

How much is the total bill for repairs to PSNI vehicles, year on year, in the last three years for which figures are available?

Answer

In 2008 the total repair costs for collision damage to police vehicles was £441,851.00.

In 2009 the total repair costs for collision damage to police vehicles was £443,629.29.

In 2010 the total repair costs for collision damage to police vehicles was £353,644.98.

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.

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