



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-03104

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Referrals to Breakdown Companies

Request and Answer:

Question 1

In the most recent year, how many motor vehicles did the force refer to breakdown companies after accidents or because they were unfit to drive?

Question 2

Did you charge for the referral? If so how much?

Question 3

Please provide a list of the breakdown firms to whom you referred.

Question 4

Please tell me what details you supplied the breakdown firm with?

Question 5

Please tell me how much each company has paid the force in total for referrals since they started the scheme?

Question 6

Does the force provide the details relating to vehicles involved in accidents or that are unfit to drive to any other kinds of private company? If so please provide names of companies and type of business. Please tell me if the companies pay for these referrals and if so how much? How many motor vehicles were referred to these companies in the most recent year?

Answer

Searches were conducted by Legal Services Branch, Roads Policing, Finance and Operational Support Department; however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. I can advise you that PSNI do not make any referrals or receive any income from Claims Management Companies, Claims Handlers, Vehicle Recovery Companies or Personal Injury Solicitors.

Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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 email.

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