



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011- 02894

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Gatso Calibration and Training

Request and Answer:

Question 1

I would like to request a FOI disclosure which is basically to understand the annual money payments to Serco and Gatso for the calibration and maintenance of cameras, staff training, and how the speed is calculated as part of the secondary check.

How many fixed post Gatso (FPG) and Gatso Red Light (GRL) cameras were in use, on an annual basis, by your partnership in the past three financial years?

Question 2

For these cameras, for the past three financial years, what were the total cost amounts paid(TCAP) for the annual calibration of these cameras, identifying the TCAP to intermediate agents such as Serco and the company Gatsometer B.V, and the additional amounts of V.A.T added?

Clarification received on 20 September 2011:

The purpose behind question 2 of my recent FOI is to calculate the unit cost of calibrating one Gatso Speed and one Gatso Red light camera. If it is troublesome for you to add up the individual payments to Serco for calibration it will be acceptable to simply know the agreed calibration payment for each camera type over the three year period to assess the trend.

Question 3

Please confirm if the partnership have ownership of these cameras, paid in full, or any other arrangement.

Question 4

Please confirm if the calibration contracts (CC) have been agreed for a fixed term with break penalty clauses or negotiated annually, if the CC are inclusive of a greater contract regarding maintenance, and who signed the contracts on behalf of the partnership.

Question 5

After the cameras have been returned following calibration please confirm if, apart from the calibration certificate, Gatsometer B.V provide a report on any faults detected and items replaced and, if so, please identify the items, including batteries that have required replacement.

Question 6

After calibration, please confirm if the cameras are returned with a shutter speed of two photographs at intervals of 0.5 seconds, and if your Camera Enforcement Officers make any adjustments to the shutter speed or flash setting prior to reinstallation and, if so, what are the setting adjustments?

Question 7

Regarding the secondary check viewing, please advise how the viewing staff are trained for their task, who does the training, are certificates of completion provided, and are the staff given post training assessments or hard copy reference documentation. Is the work of the viewing staff audited or reviewed at intervals?

Question 8

For FPG please confirm the distance between the calibration lines on the road which are part of the secondary check, so that one can calculate the speed if five lines are passed.

Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Roads Policing Development Unit has advised that PSNI have never had any speed or red light running cameras supplied by either Serco or Gatso.

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

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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