



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2012-01379

**Keyword:** Road Policing

**Subject:** Roads in Co Fermanagh With Highest Number Speeding Tickets

**Request and Answer:**

### Question

I would like to attain the following information

(a) the twenty stretches of road in Co Fermanagh on which the highest number of speeding tickets have been issued over the last ten years.

And broken down for each of the last ten years.

### Question

(b) the number of speeding tickets issued on each of the above twenty stretches of road.

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(c) the number of accidents on each of the above twenty stretches of road.

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(d) the number of serious accidents on each of the above twenty stretches of road.

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(e) the number of people/pedestrians injured on each of the above twenty stretches of road.

### Question

(f) the number of people/pedestrians killed on each of the above twenty stretches of road.

### Answer

Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit) to provide you the applicant with a notice which states that fact.

It is estimated that the cost of complying with your request for information would exceed the "appropriate costs limit" under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which is currently set by the Secretary of State at £450.

I contacted Roads Policing in an attempt to respond to your request. Although the information is held centrally with Fixed Penalty Process Centre (FPPC) in relation to speeding tickets I have been

advised that during the last 10 full financial years there has been a total of 16,460 officer issued Fixed Penalty Tickets distributed in Fermanagh. However due to lack of consistency in officer recording of the location of issue, i.e. route number, road name, townland or other feature such as a crossroad or junction; it would be necessary to carry out a manual trawl of all Fixed Penalty Tickets to determine where they were actually issued. Allowing at least 30 seconds per ticket to identify a location and record it, would take a total of 137 hours to complete. However this manual trawl does not include the number of tickets that are in long-term storage and are not held at the FPPC. Additionally the tickets in storage are stored in numerical order, not geographical order which would take additional time to complete the manual trawl. This request would take well in excess of time permitted under legislation (18 hours).

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter should be considered as a Refusal Notice, and the request has therefore been closed.

You may wish to submit a refined request in order that the cost of complying with your request may be facilitated within the 'appropriate limit'. In compliance with Section 16 of the Act, I have considered how your request may be refined to bring it under the appropriate limit however the nature and structure of the information unfortunately makes this impossible.

Submission of a refined request would be treated as a new request, and considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, including consideration of relevant Part II exemptions.

For your information I have provided below a link to our website which provides road traffic statistics for Northern Ireland.

[http://www.psni.police.uk/index/updates/updates\\_statistics/updates\\_road\\_traffic\\_statistics.htm](http://www.psni.police.uk/index/updates/updates_statistics/updates_road_traffic_statistics.htm)

If you have any queries regarding your request or this 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](mailto: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.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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