



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-01544

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Failure To Display MOT certificate

Request and Answer:

Question

I am a journalist writing an article, I am seeking statistics on a year on year basis since 2008 for the number of motorists, when stopped are still failing to display their MOT certificate on their car. Since 2008 displaying the certificate became mandatory by law.

Answer

Searches were conducted however they failed to locate any records relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the PSNI does not hold the information to which you seek access.

The PSNI do not record the statistics requested as a separate offence code. The offence of Failure to display a Vehicle Test Certificate is not dealt with by issue of a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN). Rather it should be the case that where a prosecution file is being prepared for a number of offences, then where applicable, this offence can be included. The maximum penalty at court is a fine of £200.

Please find attached at the end of this correspondence the table of the statistics for the total number of Fixed Penalty Tickets issued for MOT Offences from 2008-2011 for both endorsable and non endorsable offences. These offences have different codes and this is the reason for the same offences listed to have separate totals.

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.

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

Fixed Penalty Tickets issued for MOT Offences from 2008-2011
for both endorsable and non endorsable offences

Year	Offence Description	Number of FPNs Issued
2008	No vehicle test certificate	65
	No goods vehicle certificate	12
	No vehicle test certificate	612
	No goods vehicle test certificate	152
		841
2009	No vehicle test certificate	12
	No goods vehicle certificate	5
	No vehicle test certificate	1109
	No goods vehicle test certificate	186
		1312
2010	No goods vehicle certificate	6
	No vehicle test certificate	1701
	No goods vehicle test certificate	277
		1984
2011	No goods vehicle certificate	4
	No vehicle test certificate	1549
	No goods vehicle test certificate	227
		1780

*These figures may contain some FPNs that are issued then subsequently cancelled