



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-01336

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Penalty Charges for Contravening Bus Lanes Order

Request and Answer:

Question

I would like to make a Freedom of Information Request. Could you please supply me with:

The number of penalty charges issued to drivers or cyclists in Belfast for contravening the Bus Lanes Order in the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and so far in 2012?

The number of penalty charges issued to drivers or cyclists in Belfast for specifically contravening articles 3 and 4 of the Bus Lanes Order in the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and so far in 2012?

The number of penalty charges issued to drivers or cyclists for specifically contravening the Bus Lanes Order on the Saintfield Road and Ormeau Road Bus lanes in Belfast in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

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.

Breach of a bus lane falls under the generic offence of "Breach of a sign". Our system is not configured to recognise the individual offences occurring within this heading, therefore the information requested is not retrievable.

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.

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.