



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2012-01530

**Keyword:** Road Policing

**Subject:** Penalty Charges Breach Traffic Sign

### Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

### Question

The number of penalty charges issued to drivers or cyclists for the offence of “breach of a sign” on the Saintfield Road and Ormeau Road Bus lanes in Belfast in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

### Answer

Please find in the table below the total number of penalty charges for ‘breach of a traffic sign’ on the Ormeau and Saintfield Road from 2008 – March 2012:

	Total 2008	Total 2009	Total 2010	Total 2011	Total January – March 2012
Ormeau Road	86	16	63	75	13
Saintfield Road	61	56	25	26	2

I have been advised by Roads Policing that from these figures there is no way of establishing if these offences occurred in a Bus Lane. These figures may include fixed penalty notices that have been issued but are subsequently cancelled. The 2012 figures are provisional and are subject to change.

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](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.

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