



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-00389

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Penalty Points

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.

Question 1

The number of instances where penalty points which were accumulated by drivers from outside the jurisdiction of the Northern Ireland last year could not be applied, specifically documents which detail:

The total number of instances where penalty points could not be applied in Northern Ireland in 2011 because foreign driving licences were presented and/or the vehicles were registered outside the UK.

Question 3

The number of times Republic of Ireland driving licences were presented in Northern Ireland last year meaning that penalty points could not be applied.

Question 4

The total number of Republic of Ireland drivers who have been identified as driving disqualified on Northern Irish roads since legislation governing this on January 28th 2011?

Answer

Searches were conducted regarding questions 1, 3 and 4, 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.

Question 2

The total number of speeding offences in 2011 which could not be applied in Northern Ireland in 2011 because foreign driving licences were presented and/or the vehicles were registered outside the UK.

Answer

There were 442 Prosecution files for Non UK licence holders in 2011 detected by the Safety Camera Vans.

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.

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