



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-05535

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Fixed Penalties Issued for Careless Driving

Request and Answer:

Question 1

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the issuing of new fixed penalty offences for careless driving offences. Please provide details of the number of fixed penalty notices for careless driving that have been issued since their introduction on August 16 2013 to Friday November 15 2013, later this week.

Question 2

Please break this overall figure down by penalty code, detailing how many notices have been issued per code.

Question 3

If feasible within FOI cost limits, please break down the overall figure by offence observed, for example, driving too closely behind another driver, remaining in an overtaking lane unnecessarily or using the incorrect lane at roundabouts.

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. The Fixed Penalty offence referred to has been introduced in GB mainland only. There is no equivalent offence in Northern Ireland, nor any plans to introduce in the foreseeable future. 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.