



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2013-03992

**Keyword:** Road Policing

**Subject:** Penalty Notices In Respect of Driving in Bus Lanes

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

How many penalty notices have been issued since the introduction of bus only lanes in the following Belfast city Centre locations?

- i) Great Victoria Street/College Street East/Wellington Street/Donegall Square North/Chichester Street.
- ii) Donegall Square East/Adelaide Street.

#### 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.

- (i) 8 fixed penalty notices have been issued in relation to contravention of bus lanes in the areas mentioned.
- (ii) There has been 7 fixed penalty notices issued in respect of bus lanes in Donegall Square East. I have been advised that there is no bus lane in Adelaide Street.

For information it should be noted that the recording code for driving in bus lanes is under the generic code of "Breach of Sign". The figures supplied may not be a true picture as these are based on officers writing "contravention of a bus lane" on the breach of a sign penalty notice. Persons may have received fixed penalty notices with regard to bus lanes however if this is not written on the notice then we are unaware of this.

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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