



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2013-04657

**Keyword:** Road Policing

**Subject:** Spot Fines

### Request and Answer:

#### Question

Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like access to the following. With regard to the following article: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-23713732>

I would like to know how many people have been given “on-the-spot” fines – since the new legislation came into force in August – for the following:

- Driving too close to the vehicle in front
- Failing to give way at a junction (not requiring evasive action by another driver)
- Overtaking and pushing into a queue of traffic
- Being in the wrong lane and pushing into a queue on a roundabout
- Lane discipline, such as needlessly hogging the middle or outside lanes
- Inappropriate speed
- Wheel-spins, handbrake turns and other careless manoeuvres

Please break down by category listed above. If there is a problem breaking down to these specific categories, please list them under the closest match that you can manage.

#### 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 “on the spot” fines for the above mentioned offences are not available in Northern Ireland. This is also referred to in the article in the link provided. The decision to enact these offences in fixed penalty format will be decided and directed by the Department of Environment. 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](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.