Personal, Professional, Protective Policing

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Request Number: F-2014-00865

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Rural Equipment Thefts

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Can you tell me the number of rural equipment thefts (be it tractors or other machinery) each month across Northern Ireland for the last 13 months?

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.

Please see table below in relation to Question 1 which gives a breakdown into the number of rural equipment thefts across Northern Ireland for the last 13 months. The figures recorded are captured by quarter period only and not by month.

The equipment theft has been divided into 3 categories: Tractor, Trailer and Quad.

	Oct - Dec 12	Jan - Mar 13	Apr - Jun 13	Jul – Sep 13	Oct - Dec 13	Total
Tractor	9	11	8	16	23	67
Trailer	20	16	12	13	28	89
Quad	11	12	7	7	15	52
Total	40	39	27	36	66	208

Question 2

Any further details you are able to give me (such as estimated value of the equipment) would be most welcome.

Answer

No information has been collated on the value of the stolen equipment.

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.

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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