



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-05440

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Theft Of Fertiliser January 2004 To November 2014

Request and Answer:

Question 1

From 1st January 2004 to November 2014, I would like to know the number of times loss or theft of fertiliser was reported by farmers and manufacturers to Police Service of Northern Ireland. Please indicate the number of times loss or theft of fertiliser was reported for each year.

Question 2

For each reported incident, I would like to know the date of the incident.

Question 3

I would also like to know for each reported incident the quantity and type of fertiliser that was reported as lost or stolen.

Clarification Sought: Data in relation to property which is classified as lost or stolen is only available back to 2007/08. There is specific classification for fertiliser and to try to identify would require a free text search for the use of this word. Please let me know if you are content for a search to be undertaken on the description above.

Clarification Received: I understand that the records go back to 2007/08 and I am happy for a search to be undertaken on the description that you provided.

Answer

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Date	Number Of Reports
1 st April to 31 st December 2007	2
1 st January to 31 st December 2008	6
1 st January to 31 st December 2009	8
1 st January to 31 st December 2010	14
1 st January to 31 st December 2011	11
1 st January to 31 st December 2012	4
1 st January to 31 st December 2013	6
1 st January to 18 th November 2014	7

N.B. Details of property classified as stolen or lost where the text 'fertil' (to pick up various spellings of fertiliser) can be found in the property make, model, common name or remarks and where the date reported to police was between 1st April 2007 and 18th November 2014.

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Question 2

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Answer

Please see the table on pages numbered 1 and 2 below.

N.B. Please note that in all reports identified the property was classified as 'stolen'. There were no reports identified where the property was classified as 'Lost'. Where available, details of quantity and type of fertiliser stolen can be found through the quantity, make, model, common name and remarks columns provided below.

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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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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

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Date Reported	Quantity	Make	Model	Common Name	Remarks
24-Apr-08	0				fertiliser
12-Jun-08	39	GREENFIELD	TURBO GRASS	FERTILIZER	39 x 50kg bags of Greenfield Turbo Grass 25-0-5 fertilizer.
26-Jun-08	5				5 bags of spring and summer fertiliser
22-Jul-08	0			FERTILIZER	1.5 TONNES OF FERTILIZER
16-Oct-08	44			FERTILIZER	hydro fertilizer situated in trailer. 600kilo's in weight in each bag.
01-May-09	7	GROW MORE			Bags of fertiliser stolen
07-May-09	12			FERTILISER	GROWHOW FERTILISER
27-May-09	0			FERTILIZER	20 bags
30-May-09	0				3/4 TON X 24% NITRATE FERTILIZER
18-Jun-09	7			FERTILISER	7 1/2 BAGS OF FERTILISER
08-Oct-09	15			FERTILISER	15 BAGS OF FERTILISER
04-Nov-09	5				agricultural fertilizer
25-Mar-10	1				TWO TON FERTILIZER SET ON A 17' HOME-MADE TRAILER WITHOUT SERIAL NO.
17-Apr-10	5	GROWHOW			fertilizer
19-Apr-10	11				GROWHOW DOUBLE CROP FERTILISER
21-Apr-10	2			FERTILISER	600kg bags
21-Apr-10	1			FERTILIZER	
25-Apr-10	19	FERTILISER	25-5-5		
29-Apr-10	0	YARA			NITROGEN FERTILISER 500KG
12-Jun-10	0	VICON	D TYPE	FERTILIZER SOWER	
13-Jun-10	18				sweetgrass fertiliser in 50kg bags

17-Mar-11	0				15kg bag of sporgon fertiliser
24-Mar-11	0				ton of fertiliser stolen from farm
08-May-11	0				2 tons of fertilizer 25.05 strength
11-Jun-11	0				40 x 50kg bags of fertilizer
09-Dec-11	0				60 x 1l btls liquid fertiliser
17-Apr-12	0				FERTILIZER
04-May-12	0				garden fertilizer
04-May-12	0				Fertiliser 21 x 50 kg bags
30-May-13	0			FERTILISER	fertiliser
16-Jul-13	0			FERTILIZER	
31-Jul-13	0			FERTILIZER	26 x 50 lb bags
16-Dec-13	0	VECON	1 TON		fertilizer store
31-Mar-14	5			FERTILIZER	
16-Apr-14	0				Fertilizer
26-Apr-14	0				7 x 500 kg bags fertiliser
28-Apr-14	2			FERTILIZER	half ton bags