



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-00819

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Thefts of Electronic Devices

Request and Answer:

Question

Total number of reported thefts of the following items in your jurisdiction, broken down by year over the last five years. Please complete this in as much detail as possible within the free FOI time limit as per the bullet points below.

- PCs (Personal computers)
- Mobile Phones (models if possible - e.g. BlackBerry, iPhone)
- Kindles
- Tablet Computers (also known as iPads)

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 find attached at end of correspondence number of thefts reported over the past 5 years involving Personal Computers, Mobile Phones, Kindles and Tablet Computers. This has been broken down by year.

Please note: This information is based on data extracted from a live crime recording system and may be subject to change. It is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to identify those records that are relevant.

Please note that figures within the current financial year (ie from 1 April 2013) are provisional and will be subject to change.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

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

Total number of reported thefts of selected electronic devices in Northern Ireland by calendar year¹

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013¹	TOTAL¹
Offence Type						
TOTAL	4205	3902	4197	4287	4875	21466

Total number of reported thefts of selected electronic devices in Northern Ireland by device category and calendar year¹

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013¹	TOTAL¹
Item Category						
Personal computers	1538	1432	1415	1117	982	6484
Mobile phones	2894	2687	2929	3163	3786	15459
e-Readers / Kindles	1	4	10	29	61	105
Tablets	5	10	63	203	414	695
TOTAL	4438	4133	4417	4512	5243	22743

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