



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-02640

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Uninsured Drivers

Request and Answer:

Question 1

The request regards the seizing of uninsured cars.

How many drivers have been successfully stopped for driving uninsured in each of the last three years (please provide a breakdown of 2011, 2012, 2013)?

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.

The total number of drivers detected for 'using a motor vehicle without insurance' from 2011 -2013 is:

2011 = 7,904

2012 = 7,576

2013 = 6,887

The total number of issued Fixed Penalty Notices for 'Driving causing or permitting a person to drive a motor vehicle while uninsured' from 2011 – 2013 is:

2011 = 486

2012 = 511

2013 = 590

However please note that these figures are provisional and subject to change

Question 2

How many cars have been seized, as a result of being uninsured, in each of the last three years (please provide a breakdown of 2011, 2012, 2013)?

Answer

The total number of cars seized for being uninsured is:

Year 2011 = 2327

Year 2012 = 2175

Year 2013 = 2038

Clarification received: The four points you query relate to any money generated by police from cars that were seized for being uninsured.

Question 3

For each of the following questions please provide a breakdown of 2011, 2012 and 2013?

How much money has been generated through recovery/storage fees?

Answer

Searches were conducted which failed to locate any records to the level of detail outlined in your request and based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the PSNI does not hold the information to which you seek access.

This is because this sum cannot be calculated as the PSNI receives a set referral fee per annum that is not based on the number of vehicles recovered

Question

How much money has been generated through fixed penalty notices?

Answer

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Fixed penalty notices are paid to the Clerk of Petty Sessions, Laganside Courts, Belfast

Question

How much money has been generated from scrapping unclaimed cars?

Answer

The PSNI does not receive any money from scrapping unclaimed cars.

Question

How much money has been generated from selling cars at auction?

Answer

The income generated to the PSNI for sales of no insurance vehicles since 1 Jan 2011 is a total of **£35,023.66.**

Question

What are the top 5 sales at auction since 2011? Please provide details of make, model and value.

Answer

Please find below a list of top 5 auction sales from 2011:

Pezzaoli Livestock Trailer = £8,346.00

Mercedes Sprinter 311 = £4,520.00

Suzuki Grand Vitara = £3,670.00

BMW 5 Series = £3,439.00

Toyota Yaris Spirit = £1,937.53

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