



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-02253

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: Average Speed Cameras A2 Belfast to Bangor Road

Request and Answer:

Question 1

The date the SPECS 1, average speed camera system: A2 Belfast to Bangor manufactured by Speed Check Services which is now known as Vysionics became operational?

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.

It became operational in 30th May 2008.

Question 2

The commissioning costs for the above?

Answer

The costs were £740,279.

Question 3

The projected lifetime of the above in years?

Answer

This has an expected maximum life of 8-10 years from 'Go Live'.

Question 4

The projected lifetime costs including maintenance and upgrades for above broken down by year?

Answer

Please find below a breakdown of the costs:

2009 / 2010 = £39,000

2010 / 2011 = £45,750

2011 / 2012 = £42,375

2012 / 2013 = £45,745

2013 / 2014 = £62,105

2014 / 2015 = £52,429

Grand Total £287,404

Future costs are estimated at £47,500 per year. Costs include maintenance, calibration and consumables.

Question 5

The number of successful convictions secured on evidence from the SPECS 1, average speed camera system: A2 Belfast to Bangor broken down by year since they became operational?

Clarification: 5) The number of people:

a) detected by the SPECS system and of those how many went on to complete the Driver Awareness Course?

b) were issued with an FPN?

c) had a file prepared for prosecution which was then sent to PPS?

Answer

Please find the number of persons in the table below:

SPECS Detections	Driver Awareness Course Completed	FPN Issued	Prosecution file to PPS	TOTAL Detections
2008	-	4	0	4
2009	-	0	0	0
2010	-	8	0	8
2010	33	45	2	80
2011	52	62	16	130
2012	264	178	22	464
2013	321	233	45	599
2014	135	110	20	265
TOTAL	805	640	105	1550

Please note that SPECS was 1st launched on 7th August 2006. Bangor camera became operational in 2008.

The speed threshold was reduced in June 2010 and again in April 2012.

Annual report of NIRSP details all of the detections each year and it is available:

<http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/roadsafetypartnership>

The Driver Awareness Course was introduced as a disposal method in June 2010.

SPECS camera in Newry has been excluded so the overall totals will not match those published elsewhere.

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