



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2016-00628

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Thefts of Number Plates

Request and Answer:

Question

The number of reported physical thefts of vehicle number plates for each year between 2010 and 2014?

Answer

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Please find a table below which displays the total number of vehicle registration plates which have been reported as stolen to the PSNI between the years 2010 and 2014 as requested.

Year	Number of Registration Plates Stolen
2010	473
2011	419
2012	364
2013	330
2014	323

This data was extracted from the property information linked to incidents reported between 1st January 2010 and 31st December 2014 where linked property items classified as 'stolen' fell within the property description category of: 'Vehicle accessory' and sub-category of: 'Registration plate'. Please note that the numbers displayed equate to a count of property records (i.e. more than one registration plate may have been stolen and recorded under the same record).

Please Note: This information is based on data extracted from a live 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.

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.