



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2017-00625

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Firearm Seizures

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Number of seizures of legally held firearms in years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016? Please state results for years individually.

Answer

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates.

Please see table below showing the number of seizures of legally held firearms in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Year	Number
2013	214
2014	255
2015	205
2016	244

Question 2

Number of licences revoked as a result of seizures within 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016? Please state results for years individually.

Answer

Please see table below showing the number of firearm certificates revoked following seizures in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Year	Number
2013	85
2014	93
2015	63
2016	48

Question 3

Number of revocations that were subsequently forwarded to the DOJ for appeal 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016? Please state results for years individually.

Answer

Please see table below showing the number of appeals to the Department of Justice in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 following seizure and revocation.

Year	Number
2013	26
2014	33
2015	16
2016	4

Question 4

Under the Firearms Order 2004 NI appendix 2 para 12 - how many times has a written warning been issued in years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016? Please state results for years individually.

Answer

Please see table below showing the number of warnings issued in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 following seizure.

Year	Number
2013	30
2014	59
2015	46
2016	42

Please note there are 82 seizure cases ongoing from 2016.

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