



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-00972

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Car Clocking Convictions

Request and 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 and the decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

Time period for data relating to the request: 01 January 2015 to 31 December 2017 please.
Clarification of request received below:

The number of recorded crimes for Home Office notifiable offence of 825/06 Tampering with Motor Vehicles in your area in the following years.

- a) 2015
- b) 2016
- c) 2017

Answer

The number of recorded offences of vehicle tampering is as follows:

- a) 2015 - 61
- b) 2016 - 59
- c) 2017 - 62

Request 2

How many of those crimes specifically relate to the altering of the vehicle's mileage?

Request 3

Of those relating to the altering of a vehicle's mileage, how many of those were charged?

If the way data is stored in your system means answering all questions will take you over your time limit please just provide information for Question 1 and 2.

Request 4

If possible and time allows, I would like to know of those who were charged how many were relating to 'car clocking' for business use (i.e. multiple cars/car dealership) and how many were 'car clocking' for personal use (i.e. to sell on own car)

Request 5

Of those who were charged, how many were men and how many were women?

Request 6

Of the total number of crimes reported, how many were found relating the following:

- a) Cars
- b) Vans
- c) Motorbikes
- d) Buses

Answer

In relation to Request 2 – 6, enquiries have been made and failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Roads Policing have confirmed that this type of activity would be 'engaging in unfair commercial practice' and would be dealt with by Trading Standards. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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.