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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2021-01639

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** Statutory Charges Vehicle Recovery

### Request and Answer:

#### Request

The Association of Vehicle Recovery Operators (AVRO) is a trade Association representing recovery operators. It has a substantial number of members across the UK.

AVRO's members have a material interest in statutory vehicle removal operations; either working directly for the authorities or through contracts via various motoring organisations, in England and Wales.

AVRO would like a detailed response identifying the revenue received from The Removal, Storage and Disposal of Vehicles (Prescribed Sums and Charges) Regulations 2008, in the last 5 years. In particular we would like answers to the following:

#### Request 1

What income does the force received as a result of its activities involving the removal, storage and disposal of vehicles either directly or from referral or management fees?

#### Request 2

What proportion of that revenue a) goes to HM Treasury, b) is retained by the Police Authority, c) goes to a Management Agent(s), and d) goes to Recovery Operator Agent(s)

We would like answers to each question above listed per annum and per month and per region if possible, across the last 5 years.

#### 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 not hold information in relation to your requests. Enquiries made in relation to your request failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

The Removal, Storage and Disposal of Vehicles (Prescribed Sums and Charges) Regulations 2008, is not applicable in Northern Ireland.

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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

If, following an Internal Review carried out by an independent decision maker, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, 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', or use the ICO self-service portal available at [www.ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/officialinformation-concerns-report/official-information-concern/](http://www.ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/officialinformation-concerns-report/official-information-concern/)

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 their discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.