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FOI: 318/24-25

7 October 2024

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I refer to your email dated 9 September 2024 in which you requested information in relation to the offence of Jaywalking. Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Freedom of Information Act creates rights of access for any person making a request for information to a public authority. The rights of access are twofold. First, to be informed by the public authority if it holds information of the description specified in the request, and if that is the case, secondly, to be provided with that information. These rights are subject to important limitations, which are designed to achieve a proper balance between the right to know and considerations of law and policy in the broader public interest.

You had asked the following:

“In each of the past ten years:

- 1. How many police cases have you received for the offence of Jaywalking?*
- 2. Of these offences how many were given cautions and how many proceeded to court?*
- 3. How many convictions were obtained?”*

In response to question 1, please see **Table 1** below which provides the number of files received for the offence of Jaywalking between 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2024.

Table 1: Files received with an offence of Jaywalking between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2024*

Financial Year	Number of Cases	Number of Suspects
2014/15	87	92
2015/16	70	75
2016/17	41	41
2017/18	44	47
2018/19	36	36
2019/20	40	41
2020/21	24	25
2021/22	40	41
2022/23	32	33
2023/24	38	40
Total	452	471

* Based on first papers received date.

In response to question 2, please see **Table 2** below which provides the number of decisions issued (prosecution or caution) for the offence of Jaywalking for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2024.

Table 2: Decisions issued (prosecution or caution) for the offence of Jaywalking between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2024

Financial Year	Prosecution	Caution or Immediate Caution**
2014/15	46	18
2015/16	37	
2016/17	26	
2017/18	21	
2018/19	17	
2019/20	20	6
2020/21	12	
2021/22	27	
2022/23	18	
2023/24	27	
Total	251	24

* Based on most serious decision issued date.

** Due to small cell counts and therefore the risk of disclosure, figures relating to Cautions/Immediate Cautions have been combined into 5 year bands (2014/15 - 2018/19 and 2019/20 – 2023/24).

In response to question 3, please see **Table 3** below which provides the number of defendants convicted for the offence of Jaywalking between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2024.

Table 3: Defendants convicted for the offence of Jaywalking between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2024

Based on disposal date

Financial Year	Number of defendants convicted of at least one offence*
2014/15	32
2015/16	31
2016/17	21
2017/18	19
2018/19	9
2019/20	18
2020/21	9
2021/22	16
2022/23	14
2023/24	21
Total	190

Note: Data are based on the disposal date at court and not the date the file was received (e.g. cases disposed of in 2014/15 may have been received in the previous year).

* The defendants counted above were convicted of at least one offence. Where the defendant was in Court in relation to more than one offence, it is possible that the defendant was convicted for an offence other than or in addition to, Jaywalking.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review in accordance with our review procedure. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of this response and you can do so by writing to the Head of Policy and Information, Public Prosecution Service, Belfast Chambers, 93 Chichester Street, BELFAST, BT1 3JR or alternatively by sending an e-mail to info@ppsni.gov.uk. You should state the grounds on which you are requesting the review.

Alternatively, you may wish to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

**Information Management Team
Public Prosecution Service**