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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20172128

REQUEST

BURGLARY

1. What is the total number of recorded burglaries and aggravated burglaries according to Section 9 and 10 of the Theft Act.

A) between 1/12/16 - 30/11/17

B) between 1/12/15 - 30/11/16

2. Number of cases where a charge was brought against a suspect according to the above.

A) between 1/12/16 - 30/11/17

B) between 1/12/15 - 30/11/16

If you have this as a percentage and can provide within the cost limitations, please provide this.

3. Number of times that a car was recorded stolen during a burglary or aggravated burglary

A) between 1/12/16 - 30/11/17

B) between 1/12/15 - 30/11/16

4. Number of people under the age of 18 charged with the offence of burglary or aggravated burglary

A) between 1/12/16 - 30/11/17

B) between 1/12/15 - 30/11/16

If you have this as a percentage, please provide this. (i.e: X% of individuals charged with the offence of burglary or aggravated burglary, were aged under 18)

THEFT WITH MURDER

5. If you can provide this within the cost limitations I would like to know the number of cases where a murder or manslaughter took place during a burglary or aggravated burglary between 1/12/16- 30/11/17

EXCLUDING cases where the perpetrator was killed (i.e: the home owner shoots the thief)

CAR THEFT

6. How many cars were recorded stolen:

A) between 1/12/16 - 30/11/17

B) between 1/12/15 - 30/11/16

7. If possible within the cost limit, please identify how many keyless car thefts were recorded.

A) between 1/12/16 - 30/11/17

B) between 1/12/15 - 30/11/16

If possible within the cost limit, please identify how many keyless car thefts were recorded which likely involved the use of sophisticated technology to unlock and start the car. We understand that if that car was not recovered you cannot definitively understand the means by which it was taken.

A) between 1/12/16 - 30/11/17

B) between 1/12/15 - 30/11/16

8. How many of the cars recorded stolen between 1/12/16 - 30/11/17 were recovered?

9. The number of reports of aggravated vehicle taking, according to Section 12A of the Theft Act:

A) between 1/12/16 - 30/11/17

B) between 1/12/15 - 30/11/16

10. If possible within the cost limit, please identify how many of these relate specifically to cars.

A) between 1/12/16 - 30/11/17

B) between 1/12/15 - 30/11/16

STOLEN GOODS

11. Number of recorded offences of handling stolen goods as according to Section 22 of the theft act between 1/12/16- 30/11/17

12. The estimated total value of items stolen in burglaries and aggravated burglaries recorded.

A) between 1/12/16 - 30/11/17

B) between 1/12/15 - 30/11/16

RESPONSE

I contacted our Crime Management System (CMS) Administrator for assistance with your request. Following lengthy searches of the system, she has provided me with the enclosed data, together with the following explanation of her search criteria and important caveats/notes on system limitations:

1. I have provided a count of the specified Home Office offence classes recorded on the CMS crime register between 01-Dec-2015 and 30-Nov-2016 (2015/16) and 01-Dec-2016 and 30-Nov-2017 (2016/17).
In addition to the above some offence classes have changed over the years specified, therefore some offences may not be applicable to some years i.e. BURGLARY IN A DWELLING is now recorded as BURGLARY- RESIDENTIAL.
2. Of the data provided for question 1, I have provided a count of offences broken down by the Offence outcome, I have included all outcomes not just charged. This the offence outcome and not a count of the offender's disposal, as more than one offender can be recorded on any offence.
3. Of the data provided for question 1, I have provided a count of vehicles recorded as stolen, broken down by vehicle type, please discount any vehicle types not deemed relevant to the request. Please note – we expect a count of vehicles to exceed a count of offences as more than one vehicle can be recorded as stolen on any offence.
4. Of the data provided for question 2, I have provided a count of offenders and of those, the number that were under the age of 18 at the time the offence was recorded and had an outcome recorded as Charged, this is based on the date the offence was recorded and not the date of the outcome. Please note – we expect a count of offenders to exceed a count of offences as more than one offender can be recorded on any offence.
5. There are no mandated markers within CMS to record the circumstances requested. Offences are recorded in accordance with the Home Office Counting Rules and in some case the Principal Crime rule will be applicable, therefore in order to establish if such circumstances have occurred, then the circumstances of the offence text of each Homicide would have to be reviewed.

I have however searched the circumstances of offence free text field for offences of Homicide

recorded with the word 'BURGLARY' and this returned a nil result.

6. I have provided a count of vehicles recorded as stolen on the CMS crime register between 01-Dec-2016 and 30-Nov-2017. Please note – a count of stolen vehicles is expected to exceed a count of offences as more than one vehicle can be recorded on an offence. This data is broken down by the year offence recorded, Home Office Offence class and Vehicle type, again please discount any vehicle types not deemed relevant to the request as the requester was specific to car, however I have provided all vehicle types.
Please note some offences may have been recorded in accordance with the Home Office Counting Rules – General Rules – The Principal Crime rule - **IF THE SEQUENCE OF CRIMES IN AN INCIDENT, OR A COMPLEX CRIME, CONTAINS MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF CRIME, THEN COUNT THE MOST SERIOUS CRIME.**
7. There are no mandated markers to identify if a vehicle has been stolen in such circumstances so I cannot provide this information.
8. Of the data provided for question 6. I have provided the number of vehicles currently recorded as recovered.
9. Refer to the response for question 6, as this data provided is broken down by Home Office Offence Class and can be used to answer both Q9 & Q10.
10. As above
11. I have provided a count of the Home Office offence class THEFT ACT 1968 SECTION 22 - HANDLING STOLEN GOODS, recorded on the CMS crime register between 01-Dec-2015 and 30-Nov-2016 (2015/16) and 01-Dec-2016 and 30-Nov-2017 (2016/17).
12. Of the data provided for question 1, I have provided a the value of the property recorded as stolen, where the item of property is recorded within the CMS property table, and therefore does not include vehicles. I have broken this down by if the value was estimated or not.