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Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20180988

REQUEST

We are looking to get the data for the amount of reports of tool thefts in 2017, 2016 and 2015. For clarity we are looking for tools for tradesmen, for example builders, carpenters, painters etc.

CLARIFICATION

The only possible way to find any pertinent data would be to use offences of Theft and where the 'premises type' of Building Site or where vehicle type is Van or Panel Van (of theft from motor vehicle offences) AND where the property class stolen is Tools Power or Tools Sundry or Tools Hand

Is this sufficient for your purposes as it is not clear what would be meant by "etc"?

REQUESTER RESPONSE

Yes that is the data we are looking for.

RESPONSE

I approached our Data Returns Officer and Administrator for assistance with your request. The CMS system and Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

She conducted a search of the two crime management systems. (CMS - our legacy system which provides data up to 4th December 2017 and our new CONNECT system which records crimes from that date onwards) For FOI requests such as this, we access the two separate systems and the retrieval and data extraction varies greatly dependant on the search capabilities and the inputted data.

The information you receive therefore may be in two different formats depending on your time parameters, and the data we can provide which will be dependent on the search capabilities of each system. All our systems are designed and used first and foremost for Policing Purposes and have limited search capability.

She provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of her search criteria:

[CMS Data](#)

I have provided a count of the Home Office Offence class Theft from Motor Vehicle, where the property TOOLS POWER, TOOLS SUNDRY and TOOLS HAND have been recorded as stolen from the Vehicle type of Panel Van or Van, where the offence was recorded on the CMS crime register between 01-Jan-2015 and 04-Dec-2017.

In addition, I have also provided a count of offences recorded where the crime scene premises type is BUILDING SITE and the property TOOLS POWER, TOOLS SUNDRY and TOOLS HAND have been recorded as stolen where the offence was recorded on the CMS crime register between 01-Jan-2015 and 04-Dec-2017.

CONNECT Data

I have provided a count of the Home Office Offence class Theft from Motor Vehicle, where the property class 2 is recorded as Stolen and the Vehicle type is Van, where the offence was recorded on CONNECT between 05-Dec-2017 and 31-Dec-2017.

*In addition to the above, I have attempted to search CONNECT for where the MO Desc 1 is Location and if either MO Desc 2 or 3 was Building site, however we do not record building site as either of these MO. We can record the Premise type as **Building Site / Development** however this returned a nil result, which is unlikely to be accurate because this field is not mandated.*

- We have had to take a slightly different approach in extracting the data from CONNECT as the data is not recorded in the same format as the legacy system CMS.*
- SYP have changed their central crime management system in December 2017. Therefore data from the new system cannot be used as a direct comparison due to the different ways in which crimes are recorded. However, the data has been given to comply with original request and displayed here to show an outline trend.*