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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20191916

REQUEST

I am after a monthly breakdown of the number of light good vehicle (LCV)/van thefts, and thefts from light good vehicles/vans for the following years 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020.

In particular, I am after:

1. Please provide a monthly breakdown of the number of light goods vehicles/vans stolen

Could you please provide a monthly breakdown for the following years: 2016/2017, 2017/2018,2018/2019 and 2019/2020

2. Please provide a monthly breakdown for the number of thefts from light good vehicles/vans

Could you please provide a monthly breakdown for the following years: 2016/2017, 2017/2018,2018/2019 and 2019/2020

3. For Question 2, if possible, could you please also provide the monetary value of items stolen from light goods vehicles/vans

Could you please provide a monthly breakdown for the following years: 2016/2017, 2017/2018,2018/2019 and 2019/2020

If an exact value cannot be given, an estimated figure will work as an alternative.

For the year 2019/2020, could you please provide figures up to the latest month available?

RESPONSE

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Officer 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)

She provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet in response and the following explanation regarding her search criteria:

CMS(II) Data –

Q1 - I have included a count of all offences recorded on the CMS(II) Crime Register between 01-Apr-2016 and 04-Dec-2017 where the Vehicle Type Van or Panel Van have been recorded as Stolen. Of the offence count, I have provided a breakdown the number of vehicles stolen by vehicle type. Please note - we expect a count of vehicles to exceed a count of offences as more than one can be recorded on any offence.

Q2 - I have provided a count of offences recorded on the CMS(II) Crime Register between 01-Apr-2016 and 04-Dec-2017 where the Vehicle Type is Van or Panel Van and where the Property classes TOOLS HAND, TOOLS POWER & TOOLS SUNDRY have been recorded as Stolen. Of the offence count, I have provided a breakdown of the Property Value stolen, including if the value was estimated.

CONNECT Data –

Q1 - I have included a count of all offences recorded for CONNECT Crime between 05-Dec-2017 and 31-Aug-2019 where the Vehicle Type Van has been recorded as Stolen. Of the offence count, I have provided a breakdown the number of vehicles stolen by vehicle type. Please note - we expect a count of vehicles to exceed a count of offences as more than one can be recorded on any offence.

Vehicle Type Van, includes the following –

Box Van

Car Derived Van

Light Van

Luton Van

Motor Caravan

Panel Van

Van

Light Goods (not included for previous request 20191728)

Q2 - I have provided a count of offences recorded for CONNECT Crime between 05-Dec-2017 and 31-Aug-2019 where the Vehicle Type is Van and Property Status is Stolen and the Property Class 2 is either Plant, Tools or Garden (Not all classes under Garden are applicable i.e. Barbeque etc.).

For CONNECT data it is not possible to provide an accurate figure for the monetary value as both the **'Property Stolen Value'** and **'Quantity'** fields are not mandated requirements, and therefore not recorded for all offences.

In addition if both **'Property Stolen Value'** and **'Quantity'** are recorded, then we are not certain whether the value recorded relates to multiple items or individual items i.e. Property – Drill, Value 300, Quantity 2 (we cannot determine if the value is 300 per Drill or 150 per Drill)

Please note the following –

- Some offences may be recorded with more than one vehicle recorded as stolen therefore we expect a count of vehicles to exceed a count of offences.

- *Data may differ from similar previous requests as the data is extracted from a live crime recording system.*
- *Some offences are recorded in accordance with the Principal Crime Rule –*

***The Principal Crime Rule (1 of 1) - 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.***