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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/00026

I write in connection with your request for information received on 3rd January. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1) How many motorists have been issued a fixed penalty notice/fined for 'middle lane hogging' since the law was introduced? For each case please give details of the date and location of the incident, as well as the value of the fine/penalty - with the figures broken down for 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013.
- 2) How many prosecutions have there been in relation to middle lane hogging? Please give details of date, location and result - with the figures broken down for 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013.
- 3) I understand 'middle lane hogging' comes under the careless driving/due care and attention offence which also includes tailgating. If it is not possible to stipulate individually (i.e. middle lane hogging) then please provide figures for each of the above questions under this overarching charge.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below.

Response

Q1 – The Due Care offences are sometimes referenced as lane hogging offences or tailgating offences, though they cover a much wider set of behaviours.

RT88575 Due Care & Attention
 RT88576 Driving Without Reasonable Consideration

Hertfordshire Constabulary in the main uses Traffic Offence Reports rather than FPNs as they allow for a wider range of disposal options.

Number of tickets issued	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
RT88575 Due Care & Attention	58	110	96	61	56
RT88576 Driving Without Reasonable Consideration					
Total	104	216	266	210	123

The offences begin August 2013. The 2017 offences are from 1st January to 31st December. Our Camera's, Ticket's and Collision's department are still processing some 2017 offences though so the figures may change. Many of the 2017 figures won't be finalised yet.

In order to proceed with the ticket we do not need to record on our ticket system what the behaviour was that led to the officer stopping the driver.

Q2 – Please see the Excel spreadsheet attached to your email.

Attachment – FOI2018 00026 Annexe A

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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