

EIR Request (received 04 April 2019) - Reference: DFI/2019-0142

I would be grateful if you could please provide the following information via email under the Freedom of Information Act:

- 1a) How many penalty charge notices were issued to drivers in 2017, 2018 and 2019 thus far (please give data for each year separately)?
- 1b) The total income from any fines/penalties issued to drivers from penalty charge notices in 2017, 2018 and 2019 thus far for each year separately.
- 2a) The number of penalty charge notices issued to drivers in 2017, 2018 and 2019 thus far (please give data for each year separately), broken down by offence e.g. bus lane fines, parking fines, no right or left turn fines, yellow box junction fines?
- 2b) The total income from any fines/penalties issued to drivers from penalty charge notices in 2017, 2018 and 2019 thus far for each year separately, broken down by offence as above .

Please prioritise question 1.

Response (issued 19 April 2019)

Thank you for your request to the Department below dated 4th April 2019 for information regarding Penalty Charge Notices.

In considering your request on behalf of the Department I have determined that the information requested falls under the aegis of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR), as opposed to Freedom of Information Act 2000. Your request is for information that relates to activities, policies or plans that affect the environment. Section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act specifically excludes from consideration under that Act requests for what is deemed to be environmental information.

A guide explaining the Environmental Information Regulations can be found at:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-environmental-information-regulations/what-are-the-eir/>.

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be released to the World at large, or it must be withheld. Any information provided in response to an information request (either FOI or EIR) is considered to have been placed in the public domain.

In response to your request, please see below -

- 1a) 2017 - 116,048 PCNs were issued of which 20,946 related to Moving Traffic Offences (Bus Lane PCNs) and the remainder are parking related PCNs;
2018 - 117,837 PCN's were issued of which 18,635 related to Moving Traffic Offences (Bus Lane PCN's) and the remainder are parking related PCNs; and
2019 - (To 31/03/19) 28,341 PCNs were issued of which 3,199 related to Moving Traffic Offences (Bus Lane PCNs) and the remainder are parking related PCNs;
- 1b) 2017 - £5,235k Parking Related PCNS and £1,308k relating to Moving Traffic Offences (Bus Lane PCNs); and
2018 - £5,735k Parking Related PCN's and £1,178k relating to Moving Traffic Offences (Bus Lane PCNs).

Please note that information provided for PCNs issued are based on calendar years (1st January to 31st December) and PCN revenue based on financial years (1st April to 31st March). The PCN revenue for the financial year to 31st March 2019 will not be available until the Department for Infrastructure's Annual Accounts have been audited.

- 2a) The Department has 2 types of PCN offence Parking and Moving Traffic (Bus Lanes) and the information has been provided in response to 1a.
- 2b) The Department has 2 types of PCN revenue Parking and Moving Traffic (Bus Lanes) and the information has been provided in response to 1b.

I trust the information provided will be of assistance to you. If you require anything further please contact the Department.

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