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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/04467

I write in connection with your request for information received on 12th July. I note you seek access to the following information:

Smart Motorways

Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to make an open government request for information available under the Freedom of Information Act with regard to Fixed Penalty Notices (speeding tickets or motorists caught in the 'Red X' lanes) issued over the last five financial years on a stretch of so-called smart motorway. The section of motorway are:

- a) The M1 between Junction 6a - 10 (so between M25 - Luton South and airport).
- b) The M1 between Junction 10 - 13 (so between Luton South - Bedford, Milton Keynes) - If possible, could you breakdown that number into speeding tickets and those caught in the 'Red x' lanes.
- c) If you could let me know which parts of that route the force is responsible for

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.

RESPONSE - Following enquiries conducted by Bedfordshire Police and their Cameras, Tickets & Collisions Unit within the Force please see our response below: -

- a) Nil results
- b) FPN's issued for speeding issued on this stretch, both camera and officer issued, over the last five financial years: -

Junction	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Junction 10 - 13	10510	9154	23460	12996	13381

When going through the red x tickets could be issued for different offences dependent upon the circumstances. The basic offence is "Motor vehicle fail comply with red / green arrow / lane closure light signals", however if the action is linked to people using the closed lane to try and push into a queue of traffic then the offence could be "Drive a mechanically propelled vehicle on a road / in a public place without reasonable consideration to other users" or "Drive a mechanically propelled vehicle on a road / in a public place without due care and attention".

As the latter two offences can be issued for multiple behaviours i.e. lane discipline there is no way for telling how many were for going through a red x. These figures are therefore those specifically offence failing to comply and they exclude all inconsiderate and due care even though some of them may well be for red x offences.

Offence	2014 -15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Drive motor vehicle fail comply with red traffic signal / lane closure light signals	60	20	4	9	6

- c) Bedfordshire Police are responsible for M1 Motorway from the county boundary of Hertfordshire (22 feet south of Marker Post 2486) just south of junction 10, to the county boundary with Buckinghamshire in the north at Marker Post 2757, approx. one mile north of J13.

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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