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1. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to know the cost of repairs to police vehicles in the West Midlands force, caused by misfuelling.

I would like to know this information for the past five years, broken down by each year.

The table below details the cost of repair to police vehicles due to misfuelling as recorded on our systems under the relevant codes.

Please note that data provided prior to 2013/14 suggests that there was a significant increase in misfuellings throughout this financial year. However, previous to this year, when vehicles have been sent for repair, we are aware that the repair type may have been classified under different codes. Due to a West Midlands Police initiative, damage caused by misfuellings is now being recorded under the correct code.

2008/09	£137.56
2009/10	£52.50
2012/13	£90.00
2013/14	£8,958.00

2. Also, could you tell me what the force has done to prevent this from happening?

The West Midlands Police are currently working on a new driver policy which will address the issue surrounding mis-fuelling. All vehicles are in the process of having stickers put around their fuelling points advising that the vehicle is diesel only.

We have also launched a new initiative named 'Pride in our Police' which aims to create and support a culture where staff take pride in themselves and pride in the organisation. One of the commitments integral to the initiative is to improve driver standards and consequently, service delivery.