

I'd like to make a Freedom of Information request around impounded vehicles.

1) How many vehicles were seized and impounded in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to date?

2017 - 26,333

2018 - 26,158

2019 - 26,681

2020 - 24,869

2021 - 24,420

2022 - 18,166 (up until 30th September)

2) How many vehicles seized and impounded in 2017,18,19, 20, 21, 22 (to date) did the owner claim within the 14 day period?

Please be advised that we are unable to specify how many were claimed within 14 days. Therefore, please the total number of those claimed below.

2017 - 13,340

2018 - 14,501

2019 - 14,700

2020 - 13,123

2021 - 14,027

2022 - 11,902 (up until 30th September)

3) How many were scrapped/sold (for each of those years) after the owner didn't claim or pay the charge?

2017 - 12,832

2018 - 11,180

2019 - 12,514

2020 - 11,879

2021 - 10,839

2022 - 6,287 (up until 30th September)

4) Are you able to tell me the most expensive three cars you impounded over the past 12 months, and whether they were claimed, scrapped or sold? Also, what was the most expensive car you scrapped?

Please be advised that we do not value cars when they are seized. The only time they are valued are when the garages apply for disposal. If their opinion is that the value is over £750, we will look to auction. If not however, they will be scrapped.

5) Why were the cars seized/impounded? If possible, could I have a breakdown of the reasons why these cars were impounded.

Recovery Reason	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 (up until end of Sept)
OWNER'S REQUEST	4	0	3	363	450	361
PP/ABANDONED VEHICLE	676	574	788	1,021	927	777
PP/ABANDONED/STOLEN	6,726	8,019	6,746	5,016	4,730	3,828
PP/BREAKDOWN	39	40	39	27	30	31
PP/BURNOUT	48	37	32	31	24	16
PP/DVLA NO TAX	2,540	2,401	2,483	968	2,059	1,347
PP/DVLA NO TAX/FOREIGN REG	23	30	46	16	40	15
PP/NO INSURANCE/DRIVING LICENCE	9,805	8,626	9,836	10,872	9,226	6,131
PP/OBSTRUCTION/DANGER	1,483	1,344	1,423	1,387	1,235	828
PP/POLICE REFORM ACT	7	3	6	35	54	30
PP/RTC	2,859	2,911	3,027	2,480	2,940	2,348
PP/RTC/LIFE CHANGING/FATAL	190	168	152	130	129	111
PP/SECTION 22 PACE	1,933	2,005	2,100	2,521	2,576	2,343
PP/SENSITIVE VEHICLE	0	0	0	2	0	0