

Under the Freedom of Information Act can I please request the following data for the calendar years 2018, 2019, 2022, 2021, 2022 and 2023-present:

1. On how many occasions did a police patrol car break down?
2. On how many occasions did a patrol car break down on the way to an incident?
3. In each case, what was the cause of the break down?
4. How much did it cost to fix?

Breakdowns covering the periods requested:

Jan to Dec 2018 total 143

Jan to Dec 2019 total 242

Jan to Dec 2020 total 590 - Internal recoveries only due to Pandemic.

Jan to Dec 2021 total 1043 - Due to various lock downs and unable to source new vehicles and the Fleet getting older.

Jan to Dec 2022 total 1386 - Due to uplift and Fleet vehicles getting older.

Jan to Date 2023 total 732

The report used to obtain this data only shows the number of breakdowns/recoveries dealt with internally and externally (3rd Party contractor). The report does not show if the vehicle was going to an incident. We are unable to locate and retrieve this information, as the report does not show the vehicle's VRM.

To locate and retrieve the remainder of the information would exceed the FOI time limit. To obtain the cost we would need to go through every single job record and work out each cost, we would not be able to say if the vehicle had broken down on the way to a job, we do not hold that information. Also, in relation to the cause of the breakdown, again every record would need to be manually reviewed. The above figures total 4136, which at 5 minutes per record to review would equate to 344 hours.