



Freedom of Information request 01/FOI/22/973

Q1) For each of the last five calendar years (2017 - 2021) can you please share how many instances there were of police vehicles having the incorrect fuel put in them by staff.

Q2) Can you please supply the cost to the force of rectifying the misfuelling/repairing the vehicle. Please give the total cost for each calendar year from 2017 to 2021.

Q3) Can you please advise of any special measures your force has implemented to prevent these mistakes happening in future. For instance, have police staff been put on training courses or have the vehicles been modified in any way to stop this occurring in future. Please describe the steps taken and also the cost implication of these measures.

Q4) For each of the last five years can you please advise how many instances there have been of police vehicles breaking down as a result of running out of fuel. Please provide figures for each year.

RESPONSE

1. 2 instances of reported misfuelling were identified, 1 in Feb 2021 & 1 in May 2021.
2. We are unable to easily report on the cost of rectifying vehicles that have been mis-fuelled.
3. No training steps have been taken as fuel station fuel nozzle spouts were modified around 2016 to prevent the incorrect fuel types being used.
4. We are unable to report on this request.

Fuel station fuel nozzles spouts were modified around 2016 to prevent mis-fuelling. Due to this we are unable to report with any accuracy on misfuelling information. It's possible that some misfuelling instances apart from the 2 mentioned in Q1 have taken place but were repaired through our suppliers maintenance system where misfuelling is not identified in a way that can be easily reported on. In essence, the misfuelling of vehicles has reduced dramatically due to fuel station nozzle spouts being changed and therefore is not considered an important issue to report on since around 2016. We do however review instances of where vehicles have been fuelled with premium brand fuel over regular diesel.