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Dear James

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 1 April 2024 in which you requested information about parking offences. I have answered each part of your request below.

1. *Parking wardens employed by local authorities do not work 24/7, unlike the police. Do police officers attend parking complaints (and tow offending vehicles) when local authority parking wardens are not available and the vehicle is causing an obstruction? (e.g. Broken Yellow Lines, Blocked Vehicle Entrance)*

Local councils are primarily responsible for the enforcement of parking regulations. Initial calls of complaint from members of the public, if received by Police, will be directed to their respective local council. On rare occasions police officers may attend and carry out enforcement after taking into consideration the time, place, circumstance, and whether the matter relates to road safety. An example of this may be having a vehicle moved that is otherwise parked in a way that obstructs a busy road and poses a safety risk to others.

2. *Could you please list all SVION issued by police officers in the past year by parking offence type?*

I refer you to Table 1 below for a breakdown of the stationary vehicle infringement offence notices (SVIONS) issued by Police in 2023.

Please note this information is drawn from a dynamic operational database and is subject to change as new information is recorded.

3. *Has the police raised concerns with central government advising that parking infringement fees (and towing, and other road safety infringement fees, like speeding) are too low, and no longer effectively deter unsafe behavior on our roads?*

Police has not provided any advice to the Minister of Police on the suitability of parking infringements (or other infringements) in terms of effectively deterring unsafe behaviour on our roads but has highlighted that for road policing activities to be most effective they must be conducted alongside the road safety actions of our partner agencies.

Please note the Ministry of Transport is the agency responsible for leading legislative changes including reviewing road safety penalties.

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I trust this information satisfies your request.

Yours sincerely



Superintendent Steve Greally

Director: Road Policing

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Table 1: Number of stationary vehicle infringement offence notices issued by Police in 2023, by offence.

Offence	SVIONS Issued
P101 - Parked Within An Intersection	8
P102 - Parked Within 6 Metres Of An Intersection	8
P104 - Parked On Or Near A Pedestrian Crossing	2
P105 - Parked In Prohibited Area	11
P106 - Parked Over The Time Limit	6
P107 - Parked In Area Of Broken Yellow Line	356
P108 - Parked In Area Reserved For Hire Or Reward Vehicles	18
P109 - Parked Within 6m Indicated Bus Stop	17
P110 - Parked Obstructing Vehicle Entrance	28
P111 - Parked Near Fire Hydrant	5
P113 - Double Parking	4
P114 - Incorrect Kerb Parking - Left Side Of Road	53
P115 - Parked On Footpath	74
P117 - Inconsiderately Parked	97
P118 - Parked On A Motorway	161
P119 - Parked On A Loading Zone	2
P120 - Incorrect Angle Parking	11
P127 - Parked On A Flush Median Or Traffic Island	24
P128 - Parked In A Special Vehicle Lane	2
P134 - Parked On Roadside Grass Plot, Shrubs Or Flower Beds	3
P137 - Parked In No Stopping Area	1
P401 - Operated An Unregistered Motor Vehicle - Parked Vehicle	2
P402 - Operated An Unlicensed Motor Vehicle - Parked Vehicle	91
P403 - Registration Plates Not Affixed In Prescribed Manner - Parked Vehicle	2
P404 - Displayed Other Than Authorised Registration Plate - Parked Vehicle	1
P408 - Obscured Or Indistinguishable Registration Plate - Parked Vehicle	1
P410 - Used Vehicle With Exemption From Continuous Licensing - Parked Vehicle	5
P411 - Current Licence Label Not Affixed In Prescribed Manner - Parked Vehicle	8
P508 - Parked In A Clearway	53
P969 - Parked In Area Reserved For Disabled Persons	48
Total	1,102