

11 February 2019

REF NUMBER: IR-01-19-1446

Bob Sharp
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Dear Mr Sharp

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 11 January 2019 for information relating to the number of offences for riding a bicycle on a footpath.

You requested:

- I have ridden my bicycle on the footpath for my own safety, especially on busier roads, and the police have had no interest in enforcing that I ride on the road even though I have a suspicion that it is unlawful. Is there data on people having been dealt to by police due to having ridden a bike on a footpath?*

Please refer to table one (below) for information relating to the number of offences for riding a cycle on the lawn, garden or footpath for the past three calendar years. Please note that Police cannot separate the data to only include offences for riding on a footpath.

Table One: Number of Infringements for Riding a Cycle on the Lawn, Garden or Footpath

Rode Cycle on Lawn Garden or Footpath	2016	2017	2018
Traffic Infringement	729	642	323
Warning	41	25	18
Total:	770	667	341

This reply contains provisional data which is drawn from a dynamic operational database. This is subject to change as new information is recorded or recoded.

You have the right under section 28 (3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'S Greally', with a large loop at the top and a horizontal line across the middle.

Superintendent Steve Greally
National Manager Road Policing