

**Information Management Section  
IT Services Branch**

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2008

Dear XXXX

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/01/2008. I note you seek access to the following information:

- \* **Figures on the number of petrol thefts (annual and monthly break downs if possible) from 2002 - present**
- \* **Figures on the number of petrol thefts from petrol station forecourts (annual and monthly break downs if possible) from 2002 - present**
- \* **Figure on the number of petrol thefts from private vehicles (annual and monthly break downs if possible) from 2002 - present**

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

I am not able to give you statistics on a monthly basis, however I can provide annual figures.

Please note, the figures given are for financial years – 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March. Also, on the current database information relating to bilking (making off without payment from a petrol forecourt) was not recorded prior to 2005 – therefore for years 2002/03, 2003/04 and 2004/05 there is no information held.

**Bilking** (making off without payment from a petrol forecourt)

Year	Number of recorded incidents
1.4.05 to 31.3.06	4915
1.4.06 to 31.3.07	4746
1.4.07 to 28.1.08	4066

**Syphoning**

Year	Number of recorded incidents
1.4.02 to 31.3.03	171
1.4.03 to 31.3.04	136
1.4.04 to 31.3.05	99
1.4.05 to 31.3.06	133
1.4.06 to 31.3.07	78
1.4.07 to 28.1.08	72

**Complaint Rights**

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

Should you have any further inquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact me on telephone number 0161 856 2529 quoting the reference number above.

Yours Sincerely,