

Freedom of Information Request FOI 23 97

Electric Vehicle Fires

Query:

I write to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information from you regarding the statistics surrounding the number of fires caused by electric vehicle batteries, broken down by the specific type of vehicle & city/town this occurred in throughout the past fiscal year (2022/23) in the specific region this fire service is responsible for.

The specific information I am requesting is:

The number of fires caused by electric vehicles broken down by each city/town your fire service is responsible for during the last fiscal year (2022/23).

The type of electric vehicle involved in each fire caused by an electric battery throughout the last fiscal year (2022/23).

Response:

We don't distinguish between electric and combustion engines within the Incident Recording System. We have searched the incident narrative for electric cars, but there were no matching results. We will however be including this as part of our new Incident Recording System.

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 02, August 2023

