

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

How many counterfeit electrical items were seized by trading standards in 2012?

ANSWER

Leicester City Council does not maintain a running total of items seized. Therefore this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

How many counterfeit electrical items were seized by trading standards in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011? Please give figures by year.

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Can you provide a breakdown of the type of electrical items seized, i.e. televisions, computers, laptops, DVD players, tablets, mobile phones, music systems, headphones etc? Please provide figures by year for 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Please see our answers above. However, we can let you know that investigations involving counterfeit electrical products are rare and have not involved televisions, computers, laptops, DVD players, tablets, music systems.

In 2012 we seized 1 counterfeit mobile phone and a quantity of mobile phone accessories e.g. chargers, headphones. We have not yet received confirmation that these are counterfeit. In 2010 we seized 12 counterfeit hairdryers. This information has been produced from officers' recollections.

Can you give a value/cost to the electrical items seized? Please provide figures by year for 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

We estimate that the value for the hairdriers mentioned above was around £360.

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