**Date issued:** 18th of November 2024

**Freedom of Information Request 281/24**

**You asked us…**

**Please provide me the following information:**

**1)        Details on how individual court cases brought by your company in private prosecutions are stored in your database software, including column/field names, possible categories for each column/field as of October 22, 2024, and the schema of the database. Please also provide an example, censored if necessary, database entry from October 2024.**

**2)        Details on how each penalty fare issued by your company is stored in your database software, including column/field names, and possible categories for each column/field as of October 22, 2024, and the schema of the database. Please also provide an example, censored if necessary, database entry from October 2024.**

**3)        In separate spreadsheets in XLSX or ODS format, please provide the following information, broken down by year for 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 to October 22.
For each query please provide the number of cases brought to court in a year in the first column and the number of successful cases in a second column.**

**a.        Total of all private prosecution cases.**

**b.        Using a keyword search, private prosecutions brought by your company which contain both “Railcard” AND any form of the word “expire”, “expiry,” “expired,” etc.**

**c.        Private prosecutions brought by your company brought for those infringing on 16-25 and 26-30 Railcard minimum fare rules.**

**RESPONSE**

Questions 1&2

The schema used to store the data belongs to the software house and not to either TIL or TfW. And as such it is naturally commercially sensitive; their competitors could use it to replicate some of their work, or perhaps as part of product differentiation in a competitive scenario. This is the standard response being given to all  their customers requiring this information. This is for all types of reports.

Question 3 a,b and c

1. Please see the attached spreadsheets.
2. Cases are recorded by the offence type ie., RORA 1889 Section 5.3a not by the detail.
3. Transport for Wales have not prosecuted any cases for Railcard Minimum Fare Rules.

We hope this information is of use to you.

Yours sincerely,

**Transport for Wales**

**Appeal Rights**

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, please write to the Head of Freedom of Information at either Transport for Wales, 3 Llys Cadwyn, Pontypridd, CF37 4TH or freedomofinformation@tfw.wales. Your request must be submitted within 40 working days of receipt of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

The Information Commissioner (ICO) can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or you can contact the ICO through the 'Make a Complaint' section of their website on this link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

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