

3 November 2022

Dear

Request for Information – ATISN 16712

I wrote to you on 18 October regarding your request for information regarding the lane closures along the M4 motorway around Newport relating to the period from 1st January 2022 to (the present day) 3rd October 2022.

Your Request

You have asked for the following information:

1. M4 partial lane closures in total

On the M4 Motorway, between Junction 23a (Magor) and Junction 28 (Tredegar Park)
- How many partial lane closures have occurred along the M4 Motorway in total overall i.e. both Westbound and Eastbound. i.e. one or two lanes closed, but the M4 was kept open.

Sub-Question 1 B

How many of these partial lane closures were caused by:-

- a) Road works
- b) Broken down vehicles
- c) Road traffic accidents
- d) Other / Miscellaneous e.g. debris in the road.

2. M4 fully closed in one direction

On the M4 Motorway, between Junction 23a (Magor) and Junction 28 (Tredegar Park)
- How many full lane closures have occurred in one direction on the M4 Motorway in total i.e. where all three lanes on the motorway have been closed totally in one direction (either Westbound or Eastbound).

Sub-Question 2 B

How many of these full lane closures (in one direction) were caused by:-

- a) Road works
- b) Broken down vehicles
- c) Road traffic accidents
- d) Other / Miscellaneous e.g. debris in the road.

3. M4 entirely closed in both directions

On the M4 Motorway, between Junction 23a (Magor) and Junction 28 (Tredegar Park)
- How many full lane closures in both directions have occurred on the M4 Motorway in total i.e. where the motorway has been entirely closed in both directions either Westbound or Eastbound.

Sub-Question 3 B

How many of these full lane closures (in both directions) were caused by:-

- a) Road works
- b) Broken down vehicles
- c) Road traffic accidents
- d) Other / Miscellaneous e.g. debris in the road.

4. M4 partial lane closures in total on the 'Prince of Wales' Severn Bridge

On the M4 running across the 'Prince of Wales' Severn Bridge - How many partial lane closures have occurred along the bridge in total overall i.e. both Westbound and Eastbound. i.e. one or two lanes closed, but the road was kept open?

Sub-Question 4 B

How many of these partial lane closures were caused by:-

- a) Road works
- b) Broken down vehicles
- c) Road traffic accidents
- d) Other / Miscellaneous e.g. debris in the road.

5. M4 full lane closures in one direction on the 'Prince of Wales' Severn Bridge

On the M4 running across the 'Prince of Wales' Severn Bridge - How many full lane closures have occurred along the bridge in one direction in total overall i.e. where all three lanes on the motorway have been closed totally in one direction (either Westbound or Eastbound).

Sub-Question 5 B

How many of these full lane closures (in one direction) were caused by:-

- a) Road works
- b) Broken down vehicles
- c) Road traffic accidents
- d) Other / Miscellaneous e.g. debris in the road.

6. M4 full lane closures in both directions on the 'Prince of Wales' Severn Bridge

On the M4 running across the 'Prince of Wales' Severn Bridge - How many full lane closures have occurred along the bridge in both directions in total overall i.e. where all three lanes on the motorway have been closed totally in one direction (either Westbound or Eastbound).

Sub-Question 6 B

How many of these full lane closures (in both directions) were caused by:-

- a) Road works
- b) Broken down vehicles
- c) Road traffic accidents
- d) Other / Miscellaneous e.g. debris in the road.

7. M48 partial lane closures in total on the Old Severn Bridge

On the M48 running across the Old Severn Bridge - How many partial lane closures have occurred along the bridge in total overall i.e. both Westbound and Eastbound. i.e. one or two lanes closed, but the road was kept open?

Sub-Question 7 B

How many of these partial lane closures were caused by:-

- a) Road works
- b) Broken down vehicles
- c) Road traffic accidents
- d) Other / Miscellaneous e.g. debris in the road.

8. M48 full lane closures in one direction on the Old Severn Bridge

On the M48 running across the Old Severn Bridge - How many full lane closures have occurred along the bridge in one direction in total overall i.e. where all three lanes on the motorway have been closed totally in one direction (either Westbound or Eastbound).

Sub-Question 8 B

How many of these full lane closures (in one direction) were caused by:-

- a) Road works
- b) Broken down vehicles
- c) Road traffic accidents
- d) Other / Miscellaneous e.g. debris in the road.

9. M48 full lane closures in both directions on the Old Severn Bridge

On the M48 running across the Old Severn Bridge - How many full lane closures have occurred along the bridge in both directions in total overall i.e. where all three lanes on the motorway have been closed totally in one direction (either Westbound or Eastbound).

Sub-Question 9 B

How many of these full lane closures (in both directions) were caused by:-

- a) Road works
- b) Broken down vehicles
- c) Road traffic accidents
- d) Other / Miscellaneous e.g. debris in the road.

Our response

I can confirm that we hold some of the information you have requested.

For question one **M4 partial lane closures in total = 338**

How many of these partial lane closures were caused by:-

- a) Road works - **36**
- b) Broken down vehicles - **126**
- c) Road traffic accidents - **56**
- d) Other / Miscellaneous e.g. debris in the road - **120**

For question two **M4 fully closed in one direction. Total = 55**

How many of these full lane closures (in one direction) were caused by:-

- a) Road works - **47**
- b) Broken down vehicles - **2**
- c) Road traffic accidents - **2**
- d) Other / Miscellaneous e.g. debris in the road - **4**

For question three **M4 entirely closed in both directions. Total = 0**

How many of these full lane closures (in both directions) were caused by:-

- a) Road works - **0**
- b) Broken down vehicles - **0**
- c) Road traffic accidents - **0**
- d) Other / Miscellaneous e.g. debris in the road - **0**

As questions four to nine refer to the M4 'Prince of Wales' Severn Bridge and M48 Severn Bridge, I can confirm that we do not hold this information. I therefore suggest that you refer this to National Highways:

Call: 0300 123 5000

Email: info@nationalhighways.co.uk

Write:

National Highways
National Traffic Operations Centre
3 Ridgeway
Quinton Business Park
Birmingham
B32 1AF

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

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Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,

Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely