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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI856766411

Thank you for your request for information relating to Trading standards investigations regarding cigarettes.

You have requested the following information:

Over the last three years:

1. How many retail premises have been visited by your Trading Standards office in relation to the sale of cigarettes?
2. On how many occasions have illegal cigarettes been found at retail premises by Trading Standards officers?
3. What is the estimated total number and value of illegal cigarettes found at retail premises by Trading Standards officers?
4. How many times have referrals regarding illegal cigarettes been made to HMRC using Track and Trace?

See below:

Year	Premises visited / inspected	Cigarette finding occasions	Qty. Cigs / packs recorded	Estimated cigarettes (20 per pa)	Estimated value	Track & Trace/HMRC re
2023	15	18	2,084	41,680	£10,420	0
2024	44	62	11,374	227,480	£56,870	0
2025	52	77	13,833	276,660	£69,189	0

Please note that information is taken from our records for cigarette information. It is an estimated value cost as different products are sold at different amounts and during seizures as this information is not available.

There is also a difference in the number of premises visited and the occasions illegal cigarettes have been found as some retail premises may have received more than a single visit in a year.

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Yours faithfully

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