Car crime - the real truth!

Every day at least 53 householders in England and Wales find that their car has disappeared following burglary of their home to obtain the keys, AA Insurance reveals.

In 2008/09 over 19,400 cars were stolen in this way, more than 1,600 per month: a 19% increase over similar figures announced last year.*

A further 2,700 car keys were stolen by robbery of individuals, a slight but welcome fall over the previous year.

* Cars ‘Stolen during a robbery’ and ‘Stolen during a domestic burglary’ (source: Answer by the Rt. Hon Alan Johnson MP to a question posed by the shadow Home Secretary, Chris Grayling MP on 27th February 2010). Figures assume an average value of £10,000 for each stolen car.

Simon Douglas, director of AA Insurance says he is alarmed by the rising trend in key burglaries. “It’s almost impossible to steal a modern car without first obtaining the keys.”

“Our own insurance claims statistics show a similar trend with an average value of cars taken using stolen keys just over £10,000 - which underlines the increasing determination, patience and ingenuity of thieves targeting upmarket cars, even though the total number of cars stolen is falling.”

“Although some cars are quickly recovered, particularly if they are fitted with a tracking device, many just disappear. It's believed that they are either taken out of the country in freight containers or broken up for the lucrative overseas spares market.”

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