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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2008-04212

Keyword: Finance

Subject: All costs associated with Historical Enquiries Team's office(s) in London

Request:

Q1. Provide details of all costs associated with or related to the operation of the Historical Enquiries Team's office(s) in London.

Q2. Provide details of the numbers of personnel permanently working there or temporarily attached there and the nature of their engagements with HET.

Q3. Provide details of any other costs or expenses associated with the HET's enquiries in England, Scotland and Wales and the purpose of the tasks they are related to.

Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Answer 1.

a) Salaries - £361,938 per year

b) Non Operational Flights/Train Fares

For Year 2006/07 - £4,282

For Year 2007/08 - £18,324

For Year 2008/09 - £448

Answer 2.

1 x Review and Investigation Manager - Agency Contractor

1 x Deputy Review and Investigation Manager - Agency Contractor

1 x Intelligence Manager - Agency Contractor

1 x Detective Inspector - Seconded Two Year Contract

1 x Analyst - Agency Contractor

2 x Holmes Indexers - Agency Contractor

1 x Assistant Investigator - Agency Contractor

Answer 3.

Below is cost per year since the Historical Enquiries Team was operational of all business related Flights, Train Fares, Ferry Travel, Taxis, Mileage and Accommodation outside Northern Ireland.

For Year 2006/07 - £24,694

For Year 2007/08 - £31,483

For Year 2008/09 - £27,190

If the above information were to be broken down this would require 1 - 2 weeks work solid for a member of staff to go through each document, as the information is not electronically captured. This process would be extremely time consuming and because of this the cost of complying with your request for information would exceed the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information Regulations 2004, which is currently set by the Secretary of State at £450.

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