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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-01692

Keyword: Complaints/Discipline

Subject: PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DEPARTMENT

Request and Answer:

Question 1

What is the expenditure (budget) of the Professional Standards Dept year on year 2002 - 2009? With regard to your enquiry please note that I would be grateful for the staff salaries to be included within the requested information.

Answer

Please see attached table below, which shows the budget and expenditure for Professional Standards Department for 2002 to 2009.

Question 2

How many officers are assigned to roles within PSD?

Answer

There are currently forty-six and one half officers assigned to roles within Professional Standards Department. The half officer relates to an officer who works on a part time basis.

In addition there are twenty-eight and three quarters police staff currently assigned to roles within Professional Standards Department. The three quarters staff refers to staff who work on a part time basis.

Question 3

What is the breakdown of the ranks structure in the PSD?

Answer

The breakdown is as follows:

Chief Superintendent x 1
Superintendent x 2
Chief Inspector x 2
Inspectors x 10.5 (including an officer on secondment)
Sergeants x 11
Constables x 20.

Question 4

What is the cost year on year for period 2002 - 2009 of retaining a legal representative by the PSD in disciplinary matters i.e. legal representation at disciplinary hearings.

Answer

Please see the attached table below which details payments made by the Legal Services Branch to barristers representing Police Service of Northern Ireland in these matters during the years requested. Please note no distinction has been made between misconduct hearings and disciplinary hearings.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this email.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

**Budget and Expenditure for Professional Standards Department for
2001/02 - 2008/09**

Year	Budget £k		Total Budget £k	Expenditure £k		Total Expenditure £k
	Pay	Non Pay		Pay	Non Pay	
2008/09	3,718	66	3,784	3,614	87	3,701
2007/08	3,573	92	3,665	3,691	110	3,801
2006/07	3,492	78	3,570	3,487	66	3,553
2005/06	3,214	73	3,287	3,048	47	3,095
2004/05	3,015	22	3,037	3,968	29	3,997
2003/04	2,566	23	2,589	2,663	12	2,675
2002/03	2,093	10	2,103	2,348	12	2,360
Total	21,671	364	22,035	22,819	363	23,182

Notes:

Information relating to Financial Year 2001/02 is unavailable.

Figures for 2002/03 to 2006/07 are on a cash basis only.

Figures for 2007/08 and 2008/09 are on a resource basis.

LEGAL FEES PAID IN DISCIPLINARY CASES

YEAR	AMOUNT PAID
02/03	£25,438.75
03 /04	£19,857.50
04/05	£51,527.50
05/06	£57,403.25
06/07	£19,555.21
07/08	£121,313.78
08/09	£64,054.99
TOTAL	£359,150.98