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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-00901

Keyword: Crime

Subject: ARRESTS FOR TERRORIST RELATED OFFENCES IN NI SINCE 1969

Request and 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.

Question 1

I am looking for data on arrests for terrorism-related offences in Northern Ireland since 1969. I have found annual data on arrests similar to what I would like on the PSNI website in PSNI annual reports, but only for years after 2001. I am interested in obtaining this data for the period 1969-2001 or as many years as possible. If there is monthly data available, this would be preferable to yearly data.

Answer

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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.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing FOI@psni.pnn.police.uk

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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

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Persons arrested under section 14 of the Prevention of Terrorism Act in Northern Ireland

29th November 1974 – 31st December 1989

Year	Persons Detained	Year	Persons Detained
1974 (from 29 Nov)	-	1982	828
1975	8	1983	1175
1976	246	1984	908
1977	162	1985	938
1978	151	1986	1309
1979	162	1987	1459
1980	222	1988	1717
1981	495	1989	1583

Persons arrested under section 14 of the Prevention of Terrorism Act and Section 41 of the Terrorism Act 2000 in Northern Ireland

1st January 1990 – 31st December 2008

	Prevention of Terrorism Act 1990 – 18 th February 2001												Terrorism Act 19 th February 2001 – 31 st December 2008							
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
January	148	141	159	136	169	33	26	53	50	33	23	16	0	28	21	20	14	19	17	6
February	160	131	153	126	161	51	34	59	60	34	26	14	0	24	32	20	20	25	0	15
March	138	171	170	171	166	49	29	68	67	30	22	0	6	13	16	9	16	30	20	2
April	147	121	134	102	161	36	44	57	64	37	19	0	11	12	20	21	15	21	15	11
May	123	139	142	117	154	27	30	30	38	16	23	0	19	9	29	14	18	8	0	8
June	123	126	170	162	172	25	37	52	32	53	29	0	23	10	48	17	13	22	7	18
July	130	143	143	138	130	41	63	29	58	38	8	0	15	9	35	35	36	17	15	21
August	120	129	157	120	151	45	43	42	38	21	54	0	7	16	34	10	29	25	5	17
September	114	135	158	122	61	34	82	33	60	24	19	0	13	23	26	36	27	10	9	20
October	139	182	156	174	65	42	57	31	29	32	19	0	24	37	42	17	10	12	25	7
November	122	165	142	159	67	42	74	35	38	35	31	0	32	34	36	21	39	10	17	19
December	84	97	111	114	46	18	50	15	19	16	10	0	30	21	20	10	12	15	15	7
Total	1548	1680	1795	1641	1503	443	569	504	553	369	283	30	180	236	359	230	249	214	145	151

¹ The Terrorism Act replaced the Prevention of Terrorism Act on the 19th February 2001.

Note: Statistics are provisional and may be subject to minor amendment. Source: Central Statistics Unit, Police Service of North

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