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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-03123

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** HISTORICAL ENQUIRIES TEAM

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

How many enquiries have been completed since the Team was set up?

#### Answer

The HET has completed 581 Reviews by operation and 757 Reviews by victim.

#### Question 2

How many of the enquiries had led to arrests?

#### Answer

There have been 27 arrests to date.

#### Question 3

How many people have been charged to date?

#### Answer

The HET has charged 15 people to date two of whom have been convicted of murder and other offences.

#### Question 4

How many to date have been dealt with by the courts either by way of Plea of Guilty and/or been convicted?

#### Answer

Two of those charged have pleaded guilty to offences and are awaiting sentence.

#### Question 5

What is the religious breakdown of the team of investigators?

#### Answer

Grafton ESP is the Master Vendor to supply agency staff to the PSNI and HET. HET/PSNI do not hold the religious breakdown for agency members of staff.

#### Question 6

How many of those charged to date are Republicans who were involved in terrorism?

#### Answer

None of those charged are republicans.

#### Question 7

How many of those charged to date are Loyalist who were involved in terrorism?

**Answer**

The HET cannot, until convictions are secured, divulge whether those charged have previous convictions for terrorist offences.

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