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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02255

Keyword: Crime

Subject: OUTSTANDING WARRANTS

Request and Answer:

Question 1

For the latest day available that you can get figures for, can you please tell me how many outstanding warrants for arrest there were for your force on that day?

Please detail what day you are giving figures for. Also please provide as much detail as to what alleged offences the warrants are for.

Question 2

Please detail, if possible, how many outstanding warrants for arrest were dealt with by your force in each of the last two years.

Question 3

Can you please, if possible, provide detail per month for each of the two years.

Answer

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. To retrieve the information you have requested would involve staff in each area within our eight Districts trawling through hardcopy and electronic records and then examining each to provide details of the alleged offences the outstanding warrants are for.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter should be considered as a Refusal Notice, and the request has therefore been closed.

I have considered whether I can be of any assistance in terms of helping you refine your request to bring it under the cost limit however the nature and structure of the information unfortunately makes this extremely difficult. Perhaps if you were to restrict your request to a certain area for one particular type of warrant e.g. bench warrant, then this may possibly be facilitated within the 'appropriate limit'. Submission of a refined request would be treated as a new request, and considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, including consideration of relevant Part II exemptions.

If you have any queries regarding your request or this 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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psnipolice.uk

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