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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-01377

Keyword: Crime

Subject: RACIAL HATE CRIMES / INCIDENTS 2006/7

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Total number of incidents and crimes recorded by PSNI in 2006-2007 where the motivation was perceived to be based on Racial hate where an offender was detected.

Answer

In 2006/07 the PSNI cleared 115 racially motivated offences.

Question 2

Total number of incidents and crimes recorded by PSNI in 2006-2007 where the motivation was perceived to be based on Racial hate and where the detected offenders classification was either 'British' or 'Northern Irish'.

Answer

Of the 115 racially motivated offences there were 175 accused persons for those incidents. However, you need to be aware that some cases have multiple offenders for one offence and that it is not always one offender per offence. Out of the 175 accused persons 147 would have the nationality of British/Northern Irish with a further 8 having a nationality of Irish, but place of birth being Northern Ireland.

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