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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02260
Keyword: Finance
Subject: COMPENSATION - 2004 / 9

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How much money has the police force you represent paid out in compensation in the last five years?

Answer

Please find attached records below.

Question 2

Can you please explain what the payments were made for. For example, injury to a person, damage to property etc. I do not need exact description for every payment, just an overview of payments.

Answer

Please find attached list of the claims categories illustrated in answer to question 1.

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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FOI QUERY F-2009-02260 SUMMARY OF COMPENSATION PAID

CLAIM CATEGORY	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
AW	£163,150.00	£593,557.00	£341,675.00	£315,703.52	£311,578.00
AT	£40,404.67	£8,174.35	£41,353.96	£5,435.92	£0.00
CP	£57,148.31	£66,074.01	£63,541.59	£59,919.23	£64,997.41
CS	£8,708.89	£5,167.32	£1,417.05	£1,039.70	£828.69
IT	£52,250.00	£28,692.76	£62,951.78	£231,446.00	£69,972.00
PI	£672,663.80	£1,476,682.54	£2,714,640.92	£2,829,318.17	£5,016,939.91
PP	£36,299.96	£10,384.14	£7,090.52	£6,701.16	£7,223.36
TOTAL	£1,030,625.63	£2,188,732.12	£3,232,670.82	£3,449,563.70	£5,471,539.37

CLAIM CATEGORIES

AW - claims lodged by members of the public alleging wrongful arrest, assault by police etc

AT – claims lodged by members of the public for alleged damage caused by ATO action (Army Technical Officer)

CP – claims lodged by members of the public for alleged damage to property by police

CS – claims lodged by support staff for alleged damage to property

IT – Industrial Tribunal claims lodged by PSNI staff, police and support staff, for alleged discrimination, harassment etc

PI – claims lodged by PSNI staff, police and support staff, for personal injury

PP – claims lodged by police staff for alleged damage to property