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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-01505

**Keyword:** Finance

**Subject:** COMPENSATION PAID TO PERSONS BITTEN BY POLICE DOGS

### Request and Answer:

#### Question

How much has been paid out by the PSNI in 2008/2009 in compensation to people bitten by police dogs, and the available figures in relation to this over the last five years?

#### Answer

Amount paid in compensation 08/09 - £15,066

Amount paid in compensation 07/08 - £5,500

Amount paid in compensation 06/07 - £17,500

Amount paid in compensation 05/06 - NIL

Amount paid in compensation 04/05 - NIL

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