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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02637

Keyword: Finance

Subject: CORPORATE CREDIT CARDS

Request and Answer:

Question 1

What is the total number of people (including staff and officers) in possession of a corporate credit card in each of the last 10 years, broken down by rank?

Answer

2004/05 - 20 people in possession of corporate credit cards, broken down by rank as follows: 2 Chief Constable, 1 Deputy Chief Constable, 5 Assistant Chief Constable, 2 Chief Superintendent, 2 Superintendent, 4 Unified Grade 5, 2 Unified Grade 3. We have been unable to establish two ranks for this year, due to it being so far back.

2005/06 - 17 people in possession of corporate credit cards, broken down by rank as follows: 2 Chief Constable, 1 Deputy Chief Constable, 5 Assistant Chief Constable, 2 Chief Superintendent, 2 Superintendent, 3 Unified Grade 5, 2 Unified Grade 3.

2006/07 - 15 people in possession of corporate credit cards, broken down by rank as follows: 2 Chief Constable, 1 Deputy Chief Constable, 4 Assistant Chief Constable, 2 Chief Superintendent, 4 Unified Grade 5, 2 Unified Grade 3.

2007/08 - 16 people in possession of corporate credit cards, broken down by rank as follows: 3 Chief Constable, 1 Deputy Chief Constable, 6 Assistant Chief Constable, 1 Chief Superintendent, 3 Unified Grade 5, 2 Unified Grade 3.

2008/09 - 17 people in possession of corporate credit cards, broken down by rank as follows: 3 Chief Constable, 1 Deputy Chief Constable, 6 Assistant Chief Constable, 1 Chief Superintendent, 2 Unified Grade 3, 4 Unified Grade 5.

2009/10 - 18 people in possession of corporate credit cards, broken down by rank as follows: 3 Chief Constable, 2 Deputy Chief Constable, 6 Assistant Chief Constable, 1 Chief Superintendent, 2 Unified Grade 3, 4 Unified Grade 5.

Question 2

What was the total amount spent on all corporate credit cards in each of the last ten years?

Answer

2004/05 - £23,113.16

2005/06 - £27,236.56

2006/07 - £17,857.06

2007/08 - £23,468.27

2008/09 - £14,010.83

2009/10 - £5,881.66 up to July 2009

Question 3

How many instances have there been of fraudulent corporate credit card claims in each of the last 10 years, broken down by (a) claim amount and (b) rank of claimant?

Answer

There have been no fraudulent claims identified.

We only hold the information for the corporate credit cards for the current year and the last five years on site. The previous year is held in storage. To retrieve the recorded information for the previous year would require a manual trawl through each folder in the F2 account storage boxes, this would entail several hundred invoices/statements being checked which 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.

Our information holding policy requires us to hold information for only seven years (including current year) before it is destroyed in compliance with retention and disposal schedules.

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