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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-01099

Keyword: Finance

Subject: COST OF CIVIL ACTIONS 2005 - 2009

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Question 1

I would ask you to provide me with the total monetary cost of civil actions in 2005-6, 2007-8, as well as 2008-9 when available.

Answer

Please refer to the attached PDF document below.

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 letter.

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.

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

COST OF CIVIL ACTIONS

Year	Compensation *	Legal Fees **	Total
05/06	5,154,091	889,733	6,043,824
06/07	6,352,000	1,402,377	7,754,377
07/08	7,241,714	1,529,168	8,770,882
08/09	10,519,327	1,423,173	11,942,500

* Compensation figure includes damages paid and plaintiff's legal costs

** Legal Fees figure refers to defence costs