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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02325

Keyword: Finance

Subject: COST OF FOOTWEAR

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Please state how much the PSNI spent purchasing new boots (i.e. footwear) in each of the last three financial years (2006/07 to 2008/09).

Question 4

Please state how many new boots were purchased by the PSNI in each of the last three financial years (2006/07 to 2008/09).

Answer

Please find attached document detailing the expenditure and quantities of footwear purchased by the PSNI in each of the three financial years.

Questions 2, 3

Please state how much the PSNI spent purchasing new boots within 'F District' in each of the last three financial years (2006/07 to 2008/09). Please break down the figures by area (Fermanagh, Dungannon, Cookstown and Omagh) for each year.

Questions 5, 6

Please state how many new boots were purchased within 'F District' in each of the last three financial years (2006/07 to 2008/09). Please break down the figures by area (Fermanagh, Dungannon, Cookstown and Omagh) for each year.

Answers 2, 3, 5 and 6

I have been advised that Materials Management do not keep records of individual District orders for boots. Retrieval of this information would involve checking individual folders of all personnel in F District who requested boots during the past three financial years. This would be a lengthy, time consuming process and would take approximately 4 days. This would exceed the 18 hours limit and the cost of complying with your request for information 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.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter should be considered as a Refusal Notice, and the request has therefore been closed.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland have also considered whether we can be of assistance in terms of helping you refine your request, to bring it under the cost limit however, the structure of the information unfortunately, makes this impossible.

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.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ <http://www.psni.police.uk/>

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

2006/2007	Motorcycle Boots	Safety Shoes Leather	Safety Boots Leather	Safety Boots Cyclists	Wellington Boots	Patrol Boots	Laces
	21	9	11	32	41	1	250
	17	8	19	55	25	2	100
	23	22	13	8	5	1	
	20	18	20	109	20	120	
	25	8	39	14	65	1	
	9	8	19	30	48	5	
	1	14	39	51	25	234	
	15				31	255	
	25				32	1	
						160	
						170	
						2	
						1	
						320	
						217	
Total Ordered	156	87	160	299	292	1490	350

Total Expenditure 2006/2007	for all boots + Laces	169,768.10
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2007/2008	Motorcycle Boots	Safety Shoes Leather	Safety Boots Leather	Safety Boots Cyclists	Wellington Boots	Patrol Boots	Laces
	14	9	18	43	51	280	200
	10	9	23	124	44	240	100
	14	6	18	62	54	2	
	27	11	27	74	66	1	
	16	11	55	108	69	1	
	1	29	19	84	42	1	
						2	
						420	
						400	
						545	
						300	
Total Ordered	82	75	160	495	326	2192	300

Total Expenditure 2007/2008	for all boots + laces	218,521
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2008/2009	Motorcycle Boots	Safety Shoes Leather	Safety Boots Leather	Safety Boots Cyclists	Wellington Boots	Patrol Boots	Laces
	18	21	10	80	74	535	100
	1	21	47	124	35	250	200
	1	15	61	1	75	50	
	16	11		91		1	
	20			120		2	
	14			84		515	
	1			6		2	
						430	
Total Ordered	71	68	118	506	184	1785	300

Total Expenditure 2008/2009	for all boots + Laces	196,641
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