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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02199

Keyword: Finance

Subject: COST OF TASER JUDICIAL REVIEW

Request and Answer:

Question

I should be most grateful if you could provide me with a breakdown of all the costs associated with the Judicial Review on TASER to date and if you could detail any further expected potential costs.

I should also be most grateful if the breakdown would distinguish between the PSNI's legal costs and any information you could provide on the applicant's legal costs, which I believe are to be paid by the PSNI in either event.

Answer

The Police Service of Northern Ireland Legal Services department have advised that the Judicial Review referred to in this request has not yet concluded in that the judgement is still awaited.

As far as costs are concerned no costs have yet been paid. It is anticipated that external legal fees may be around £40,000 although this cannot be confirmed and it may be some months before any bills are submitted for payment. The question of payment of applicant's costs will be clearer once the judgement has been delivered and these costs are not known at this time.

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