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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02780

Keyword: Finance

Subject: EXPENDITURE ON ENTERTAINMENT / HOSPITALITY

Request and Answer:

The Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) has now completed its search for the information.

I have decided to:

- *disclose records in relation to Question 1*
- *disclose the located records in relation to Question 2 in the interim and provide any outstanding records at a later date once they are retrieved.*

Question 1

What was the total expenditure by the force on entertainment or hospitality (including corporate, staff etc) in each of the last 10 years?

Answer

Please see the attached document containing total hospitality costs for PSNI for the last 10 years.

Question 2

Please provide the following details for the ten events that had the highest expenditure in each of the last 5 years:

(a) Total Estimated Cost

(b) Total Actual Cost

(c) Event Name

(d) Event Date(s)

(e) Location

(f) Description of Attendees (e.g. force staff, staff from other forces, corporate, media etc)

Answer

To enable me to answer this question I contacted the PSNI Finance Branch and was supplied with the 10 highest value invoices that were coded to hospitality for the requested years. Finance Branch have no knowledge of the details of these events so I then contacted each relevant business area to ascertain what was available.

With regard to the period 2004/2005 searches were conducted for records however the PSNI Accounting package does not enable us to access information this far back and accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern

Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access for this period

I have attached further information relating to the other periods requested. Some of the business areas have advised that invoices were coded to hospitality in error and these are illustrated as "mis-coded to hospitality".

Please note that for the 6 entries logged as "details to be provided" the record owner is currently conducting a manual trawl through a large quantity of records in an attempt to extract the information relevant to this part of your request. I have decided to provide the information already retrieved in the interim, to avoid any further delay and will provide any outstanding records once they are located.

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.

Total Hospitality Costs for PSNI

| Year | Costs £k |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 1999/00 | 69 |
| 2000/01 | 85 |
| 2001/02 | 62 |
| 2002/03 | 106 |
| 2003/04 | 82 |
| 2004/05 | 105 |
| 2005/06 | 119 |
| 2006/07 | 207 |
| 2007/08 | 151 |
| 2008/09 | 165 |

| 2005/06 | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--|
| Estimated Cost | Actual Cost | Event Name | Event Date | Location | Description of Attendees |
| | £1,008.51 | DETAILS TO BE PROVIDED | | | |
| | £1,210.00 | DETAILS TO BE PROVIDED | | | |
| N/A | £1,272.54 | MIS-CODED TO HOSPITALITY | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| £1,310.60 | £1,310.60 | Pipe Band Dinner | 23/09/2005 | Templepatrick | Band Members/partners. Chief Constable & Partner. ACC McCausland & Partner |
| N/A | £1,650.00 | MIS-CODED TO HOSPITALITY | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| N/A | £1,860.00 | MIS-CODED TO HOSPITALITY | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| £2,006.81 | £2,006.81 | Chief Constable's Christmas Reception | 02/12/2005 | Belfast | Local Community, Senior Dignataries & Police Staff |
| N/A | £2,290.00 | MIS-CODED TO HOSPITALITY | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| £2,484.38 | £2,484.38 | RUC GC Widows Reception | 23/09/2005 | Belfast | RUC GC Widows & Families |
| | £2,759.28 | DETAILS TO BE PROVIDED | | | |

| 2006/07 | | | | | |
|----------------|-------------|---|-----------------|---------------|---|
| Estimated Cost | Actual Cost | Event Name | Event Date | Location | Description of Attendees |
| | £1,210.00 | DETAILS TO BE PROVIDED | | | |
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| N/K | £1,400.00 | Attendance Recognition Event | 27/10/2006 | Templepatrick | Police & Police Support Staff. Invited guests included representatives of the Northern Ireland Policing Board and MLAs. |
| | £1,564.25 | DETAILS TO BE PROVIDED | | | |
| £1,680.51 | £1,680.51 | Colin Cramphorn Memorial Dinner | 22/02/2007 | Belfast | Family Members, PSNI Officers & West Yorkshire Officers |
| £2,080.00 | £2,080.00 | Police College Award Ceremony | 30/01/2007 | Holywood | Police Officers/Staff |
| £2,127.66 | £2,127.66 | Chief Constable's Christmas Reception | 04/12/2006 | Belfast | Local Community, Senior Dignataries, Police Staff & Officers |
| £8,870.65 | £8,870.65 | Chief Constable's Highly Commended Award Ceremony | 18 & 19/05/2006 | Hillsborough | Police Officers/Staff, Security Personnel, VIP Guests & Family Members |
| £29,809.99 | £29,809.99 | Chief Constable's Highly Commended Award Ceremony | 18 & 19/05/2006 | Hillsborough | Police Officers/Staff, Security Personnel, VIP Guests & Family Members |
| £44,353.25 | £44,353.25 | Chief Constable's Highly Commended Award Ceremony | 18 & 19/05/2006 | Hillsborough | Police Officers/Staff, Security Personnel, VIP Guests & Family Members |

| 2007/08 | | | | | |
|----------------|-------------|---|----------------------------|---------------|--|
| Estimated Cost | Actual Cost | Event Name | Event Date | Location | Description of Attendees |
| N/K | £1,103.93 | Graduation Ceremony Registration Evening | 30/03/07 16/04/07 | Belfast | Police/Student Officers, VIP guests & Family Police/Student Officers, VIP guests & Family |
| N/K | £1,129.28 | Graduation Ceremony | 11/01/2008 | Belfast | Police/Student Officers, VIP guests & Family |
| N/K | £1,145.49 | Part Timers Induction | Mar-07 | Belfast | Police Officers/Staff, New Recruits |
| N/K | £1,149.96 | Graduation Ceremony | 13/11/2007 | Belfast | Police/Student Officers, VIP guests & Family |
| N/K | £1,900.00 | Police College Awards | 30/01/2008 | Belfast | Police Officers/Staff |
| £2,428.94 | £2,428.94 | Chief Constable's Christmas Reception | 03/12/2007 | Belfast | Local Community, Senior Dignataries & Police Staff |
| | £3,582.81 | Review of Armed Protection CPU Services | 04/09/2007 - 07/09/2007 | Templepatrick | Police/Civilian |
| £4,802.13 | £4,802.13 | Policing with the Community Awards Ceremony | May-07 | Belfast | Chief Constable & Top Team, NIPB Members, Corporate guests-Garda Commissioner, American Consulate, Leading Politicians, DPP Members, Sponsors, District Commanders, Entrants to the various categories and working partners. |
| £5,787.24 | £5,787.24 | Chief Constable's Highly Commended Award Ceremony | 10/09/2007 | Hollywood | Police Officers/Staff, Security Personnel, VIP Guests & Family Members |
| £12,340.50 | £12,340.50 | Chief Constable's Highly Commended Award Ceremony | 10/09/2007 | Hollywood | Police Officers/Staff, Security Personnel, VIP Guests & Family Members |

| 2008/09 | | | | | |
|----------------|-------------|---|--|----------------------------|--|
| Estimated Cost | Actual Cost | Event Name | Event Date | Location | Description of Attendees |
| N/K | £1,297.42 | Police Long Service & Good Conduct Ceremony | 07/03/2008 29/02/2008 | Belfast Belfast | Police officers, Staff & Families Police officers, Staff & Families |
| N/K | £1,353.14 | Graduation Ceremony & Registration Evening | 25/04/2008 16/05/2008 | Belfast Belfast | Police/Student Officers, VIP guests & Family Police/Student Officers, VIP guests & Family |
| N/K | £1,387.57 | Registration Evening Graduation Ceremony Registration Evening | 27/08/2008 12/09/2008 01/10/2008 | Belfast Belfast Belfast | Police/Student Officers, VIP guests & Family Police/Student Officers, VIP guests & Family Police/Student Officers, VIP guests & Family |
| N/K | £1,458.72 | Registration Evening Graduation Ceremony | 21/07/2008 08/08/2008 | Belfast Belfast | Police/Student Officers, VIP guests & Family Police/Student Officers, VIP guests & Family |
| N/K | £1,598.09 | Long Service Award Ceremony Medal Presentation Ceremony Medal Presentation Ceremony | 31/10/2008 14/11/2008 28/11/2008 | Belfast Belfast Belfast | Police Officers/Staff & their Families Police Officers/Staff & their Families Police Officers/Staff & their Families |
| £2,500.00 | £1,606.81 | Information Management Seminar | 19/06/2008 | Belfast | Senior Police Officers & Senior Police Staff, Invitees & Representatives of the Information Commissioner for Northern Ireland, NI Police Ombudsman & CJINI. |
| £1,620.00 | £1,620.00 | Knowledge Sharing Day for Neighbourhood Officers | 12/06/2008 | Hollywood | Neighbourhood Police Officers from each Area Command and a civilian partner who they worked with e.g. DPP Member, Youth and Community Leaders, together with 10 presenters and 4 facilitators. |
| £2,295.65 | £2,295.65 | Chief Constable's Christmas Reception | 01/12/2008 | Belfast | Local Community, Senior Dignataries & Police Staff |
| £5,000.00 | £4,990.64 | Meet the Media Barbque | 11/09/2009 | Belfast | Media & PR Staff, Top Team, District Commanders & members of the Media |
| N/K | £17,326.88 | Chief Constable's Highly Commended Award Ceremony | 02/06/2008 | Ballymena | Police Officers/Staff, Security Personnel, VIP Guests & Family Members |