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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-00945

Keyword: Finance

Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY BUDGETS

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

The number of staff (full-time equivalent) working in marketing, external communications and press offices.

Answer

Total Staff (including support staff) **36.25**

Question 2

The number of dedicated Freedom of Information officers (full-time equivalent).

Answer

On the date of your request, March 12, 2009 there were **5** full time Freedom of Information Officers

Question 3

Total staffing cost of marketing, external communications and press officers.

Answer

Total staffing cost (including support staff) **£1,329,912**

Question 4

Total staffing cost of dedicated Freedom of Information staff.

Answer

The total staffing cost of dedicated Freedom of Information staff for the 2008/09 financial year is **£321,061**

Question 5

Total police spending on marketing, external communications and press offices.

Answer

Total police spend (including staffing costs) **£1,778,423**

Question 6

Total police spending on Freedom of Information.

Answer

The Police Service of Northern Ireland do not calculate this information therefore I have concluded that the answer to this question is not held.

NB: The support staff are not directly involved in the marketing, external communications or press desk, they include the likes of typists, admin staff etc, but their costs can not be isolated to truly reflect the answer to question 1 or 3. The answers to questions 1, 3 and 5 are for the Financial Year To Date at the date of your request, i.e. April 2008 to End of February 2009

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.