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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-03490

Keyword: Finance

Subject: HOURS/OVERTIME WORKED BY PSNI/RUC

Request and Answer:

Question

I would like data on the annual number of hours worked and the annual number of overtime hours worked by the Royal Ulster Constabulary (and later the Police Service of Northern Ireland) and the RUC and PSNI Full Time Reserve forces at the Police Sub-Division (1973-1998) and District Command Unit (1999-present) level. I would also like the same data for the following individual police stations from 1973-1998:

Newtownstewart station
Kilkeel station
Dromara station
Moirra station
Dunmurry station
Clogher station
Fivemiletown station
Cushendall station

I have attached to my email pdf copies of pages from the Parliamentary record indicating that this data might be available.

Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. The PSNI Financial Management Branch are unable to provide any information for the years 1973-1999 as records are not held for these dates. I am also unable to provide the number of hours/overtime hours worked as data is not recorded in this format.

However, Financial Management Branch have provided a breakdown of expenditure in respect of overtime for Regular and Reserve Officers, in each of the Financial years from 2000/01-2008/09. Please see the attached document.

Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the bulk of the information to which you seek access.

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

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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.

Overtime Expenditure for Police Officers - 2000/01 - 2008/09

Year	Regular Officer Overtime £k	Full Time Reserve Overtime £k	Total Expenditure for Police Officer £k
2000/01	35,661	10,840	46,501
2001/02	42,022	12,692	54,714
2002/03	55,495	16,232	71,727
2003/04	42,618	9,473	52,091
2004/05	45,504	7,963	53,467
2005/06	50,333	6,840	57,173
2006/07	46,200	4,446	50,646
2007/08	42,340	3,673	46,013
2008/09	38,566	2,593	41,159
Total	398,739	74,752	473,491

Notes:

Records are held from 2000/01 only

Information can not be broken down to individual station.

Information from 2000/01 - 2005/06 are on a cash basis

Information from 2006/07 - 2008/09 are on an accruals basis.