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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02065

Keyword: Finance

Subject: IT BUDGET

Request and Answer:

Question 1

For a report I am working on I am seeking information on the Northern Ireland Police IT budget. The specific details of interest are the licensing, support, upgrade, and other costs associated with use of Microsoft products – particularly Windows and Office for desktop use. The provided figures should detail the number of 'seats' agreements cover

Question 2

It would be most useful if these figures were broken down by year and, if possible, accounting period to allow comparison with other forces and public bodies.

Answer

Our Enterprise Agreement (EA) with Microsoft covers the PSNI's '*licensing, support, upgrade and other costs*' associated with desktops.

The current and previous EAs can be broken down as follows:

Previous Agreement

2005/06 - £900k

2006/07 - £900k

2007/08 - £900k

Current Agreement

2008/09 - £1.2m plus additional £500k True-up on servers

2009/10 - £1.2m

2010/11 - £1.2m

The above Agreements cover the PSNI's 8,500 desktop estate and are device based rather than on the number of seats.

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