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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-00944

Keyword: Finance

Subject: EXPENCES PAID TO LORD STEVENS AND VINCE McFADDEN

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Salary paid to Lord Stevens for each of the last 3 years.

Answer 1

The combined salaries paid to Lord Stevens and Vince McFadden (Consultant) for each of the last 3 years are

06/07	07/08	08/09
£134,983.80	£138,000	£122,500

The salaries for these individuals have been combined as to release them separately would be considered a breach of the Data protection Act 1998 (DPA). The purpose of the DPA is to protect people's private information and to ensure that it is handled properly. Personal information must only be released if there is a genuine reason to disclose and it would not involve unfairness to the individual.

Those who are paid from the public purse should expect some information about their salaries to be made public. However, salary information also relates to their personal financial circumstances and this deserves some protection.

Question 2

Expenses paid to Lord Stevens for each of the last 3 years to include travel costs itemised.

Answer 2

The travel costs paid to Lord Stevens for each of the last 3 years can be found in the attached "Lord Steven's Travel Costs" (page1).

Question 3

Any other payments to Lord Stevens in the last 3 years.

Answer 3

Other payments of overnight allowance paid to Lord Stevens in the last 3 years totalled £5700.

Question 4

Payments to Vince McFadden (Consultant) in each of the last 3 years

Answer 4

Payments including daily travel expenses and general expenses made to Vince McFadden in each of the last 3 years totalled

06/07	07/08	08/09
£7351.03	£8151.38	£6614.41

Question 5

Expenses paid to Vince McFadden (Consultant) in each of the last 3 years to include travel costs itemised.

Answer 5

The travel costs paid to Vince McFadden for each of the last 3 years can be found in the attached "Mr McFadden Travel Costs" (page 2).

Question 6

Role played by Vince McFadden with a copy of his job description and terms of reference for his engagement.

Answer 6

I have been advised by our Crime Support Department that Vince McFadden is retained as a Consultant on the Stevens Team due to his historic involvement from Stevens 1 and his knowledge of the significant quantities of data gathered over the years. His role is to provide day-to-day management of the Stevens Team. He has also provided assistance to the Billy Wright Inquiry where he gave evidence and has provided support to Judge Cory in the work arising from the Weston Park agreement. He has also provided support to the Crown Solicitor relating to matters arising from the Stevens Investigation.

There is no contract with Mr McFadden and no formal job description.

Since September 2008 ACC Jones, Crime Support has been working with the Stevens Team with a view to

- Ensuring all the material held by the Stevens Team is returned back to the control of the Chief Constable
- And
- Ending any contractual arrangement with all members of the Stevens Team.

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 letter.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Lord Steven's Travel Costs

Month	Destinations	Total Monthly Costs
Feb-07		
Mar-07	London	£820.00
Apr-07		
May-07		
Jun-07	London	£941.00
Jul-07		
Aug-07		
Sep-07		
Oct-07	London	£213.00
Nov-07	London	£215.00
Dec-07		
Jan-08		
Feb-08		
Mar-08	London/Newcastle	£754.00
Apr-08	Canada	£4,431.00
May-08		
Jun-08	London/Manchester	£1,122.00
Jul-08	London/Newcastle	£802.00
Aug-08	London	£236.00
Sep-08	London/Newcastle	£1,396.00

Mr McFadden Travel Costs

Month	Destinations	Total Monthly Costs
Feb-07		
Mar-07	Belfast	£334.00
Apr-07		
May-07		
Jun-07	Belfast	£393.00
Jul-07		
Aug-07		
Sep-07		
Oct-07	Belfast	£147.00
Nov-07		
Dec-07		
Jan-08		
Feb-08	Belfast	£297.00
Mar-08		
Apr-08	Belfast	£748.00
May-08		
Jun-08	Belfast	£274.00
Jul-08	Belfast	£274.00
Aug-08	Belfast	£274.00
Sep-08	Belfast	£181.00