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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02979

Keyword: Finance

Subject: OVERPAYMENT TO PSNI OFFICERS / STAFF

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Please state how many instances of police officers/support staff being mistakenly overpaid were recorded in the last financial year. Provide comparisons for 2007/08 and 2006/07.

Answer

2008/09 - 87
2007/08 - 85
2006/07 - 117

Question 2

For each year; indicate in how many of the cases were overpayments recovered.

Answer

All of our overpayments are recovered in full. The overpayments overlap financial years and in some cases more than one. I can confirm for each of the years provided there have been no Police overpayments written off.

Question 3

Please state the total amount of money mistakenly overpaid in each of the above years.

Answer

2008/09 - £104,102.17
2007/08 - £84,068.41
2006/07 - £80,323.81

Question 4

State how much money was recovered in cases of overpayment.

Answer

2008/09 - £95,870.05
2007/08 - £71,563.18
2006/07 - £60,231.79

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