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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-01764

Keyword: Finance

Subject: PENSIONS

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How many officers are in receipt of an injury on duty (IOD) award/pension?

Answer

As the number of officers in receipt of an IOD pension fluctuates throughout time, I have provided the number of officers who were in receipt of an IOD pension as at 31st December 2008. There were 1,846.

Question 2

How many pension reviews were held?

Question 3

How many pensions were reduced in banding?

Question 4

How many officers appealed against the decision?

Question 5

How many officers had their pensions reinstated upon appeal?

Question 6

How many cases were dealt with by an internal review?

Question 7

How many officers had their pension reinstated after the internal review?

Question 8

How many officers went to arbitration or reappraisal with a Home Office approved appeals panel under the Police Medical Appeals Board process.

Question 9

How many officers won their PMAB appeal?

Question 10

How many officers have gone to judicial review?

Question 11

How many officers have succeeded in having their pension banding cut reversed, at judicial review?

Question 12

How many officers are currently suing your force in matters related to injury pension reductions?

Answers 2 to 12

I have been advised by our Pensions Branch and Legal Services that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access. This information will be held by the Northern Ireland Policing Board. On June 9 2009 I wrote to you seeking your consent to transfer these questions to the Northern Ireland Policing Board but to date I have not received a response from you. As I cannot undertake the transfer or partial transfer of a request for information under the Act, without the consent of the requester, I have not transferred these questions to the Northern Ireland Policing Board. The contact details for this organisation are; Northern Ireland Policing Board, Waterside Tower, 31 Clarendon Road, Clarendon Dock, Belfast BT1 3BG. Tel: 028 9040 8500 Fax: 028 9040 8540 Text phone: 028 9052 7668 Email: information@nipolicingboard.org.uk

Question 13

What is the ethnic origin of your current Force Medical Officer and or Selected Medical Practitioner? You subsequently clarified this question to refer to our Chief Medical Advisor.

Answer

Our current Chief Medical Advisor has consented to release of his ethnic origin. His ethnic origin is 'white'.

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.

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