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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-03322

Keyword: Finance

Subject: PERFORMING RIGHTS SOCIETY

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Please could you provide me with the amount of money, if any, that your force has paid to the Performing Rights Society /PRS For Music, in each of the last five years.

Answer

2004/05 - £5482
2005/06 - £3800
2006/07 - £3800
2007/08 - £4150
2008/09 - £4150
(inclusive of VAT)

Question 2

Could you also provide the same details about money paid to the PPL, another organisation which licenses the playing of music.

Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to question 2 of your request. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Question 3

Please could you also state the reason why the payment is made - i.e., the circumstances in which music is played.

Answer

Payment is made for music usage in premises across the PSNI Estate.

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