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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-01819

**Keyword:** Finance

**Subject:** REFURBISHMENT OF STRABANE CUSTODY SUITE

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

Under the FOI act can I request how much was spent on a recent major refurbishment of Strabane Custody Suite, during which it was upgraded to include state of the art audio and visual equipment?

#### Answer

The total cost of the refurbishment including the upgrade of audiovisual equipment was £376,748.41.

#### Question 2

Who gave the go ahead for the same suite to be re-designated earlier this year and why was it re-designated in a time when rural stations across the Strabane District are being shut?

#### Answer

The District Commander at the time, Temporary Chief Superintendent David Hanna, made the decision to re-designate Strabane custody suite on the basis of a detailed analysis of usage of Strabane custody including the numbers of prisoners dealt with and a review of policing priorities throughout the entire District. Resources within G District, which covers Strabane, Foyle, Magherafelt and Limavady, are kept under constant review to ensure the best possible use and value for money.

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