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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-03999

Keyword: Finance

Subject: The Cost of Policing Soccer Internationals and Cup Finals

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Question 1

State the cost of policing Northern Ireland home senior soccer internationals (i.e. home games at Windsor Park) during either 2009 or the 2008/09 football season (August 2008 to May 2009). If possible, could you provide a match-by-match breakdown and a (total) comparison figure for the previous 12-month period?

Answer

FIXTURE	DATE	COST
N.Ireland v Czech Republic	10.09.08	£5,310.18
N.Ireland v San Marino	15.10.08	£3,367.20
N.Ireland v Hungary	19.11.08	£5,310.18
N.Ireland v Poland	28.03.09	£36,847.35
N.Ireland v Slovenia	01.04.09	£33,389.28

As the number of home internationals vary on a year to year basis the costings will also vary dependent on the number of games played eg 8 were played in the 2007/08 season therefore like for like comparison figures are not available.

Please note that Internationals are assessed on a match by match basis and resources deployed accordingly. Due to the disturbances at the Poland match the cost of policing it and the subsequent international with Slovenia increased dramatically.

Question 2

State the cost of policing the 2009 Irish Cup Final between Crusaders FC and Cliftonville FC

Answer

FIXTURE	DATE	COST
Crusaders v Cliftonville Irish Cup Final	09.05.09	£2,700.90

Question 3

State the cost of policing the 2009 Co-Operative Insurance Cup Final between Portadown FC and Newry City FC

Answer

FIXTURE	DATE	COST
Portadown v Newry City Co-Operative Insurance Cup Final	28.01.09	£2686.70

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