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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-00221

Keyword: Finance

Subject: TRAINING BUDGET FOR TRANSPORT WORKSHOPS 2007 - 2009

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.

Question1

Total amount of budget?

Answer

Budget for 2007/08 was £33,854.00

Budget for 2008/09 was initially £34,000.00 but was reduced in December 08 to £17,000.00

Question 2

How was budget spent (Breakdown)?

Question 3

What training courses were run and cost of each course?

Answer 2 & 3

For year 2007/08 the breakdown is as follows:

	Net Total
NAPFM conference	680.00
ADR refresher course and exam fees	318.75
NAPFM conference	260.00
Total	1,258.75

For year 2008/09, the breakdown is as follows:

	Net total
NAPFM conference	365.00
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Petrol reception training	22.70
NAPFM conference	340.00
Incinerator operator training	2,769.85
	3,862.55

In addition 3 courses undertaken totalling £2214.00 plus VAT have yet to be paid for: - BMW training (£2104 plus VAT), mental health awareness and general disability awareness (£55.00 plus VAT each).

Question 4

How much was handed back?

Answer

For the year 2007/08 - the balance of the under spend at the year end and was not used for any other purpose internally within Transport Services Branch, however the Police Service of Northern Ireland as a whole was over spent.

For the year 2008/09 – Any under spend at the year end will not be used to cover pressures within Transport Services Branch, but most likely will be used to cover pressures elsewhere within the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

Under spends were due to delays in amalgamation process between sites, which impacted on availability of suitable onsite training accommodation and also the level of staff absences/ operational pressures which necessitated use of overtime.

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