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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02549

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: BT VITAL VISION PROGRAMME

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Whether, during the length of their career, any of your chief officer team (including police staff) have attended the BT (British Telecom) Vital Vision programme or any other course which is paid for, in total or in part, by BT.

- If so - and they attended the course/courses while serving with your force - could you tell me how much it cost your force for the officer/police staff member to attend the course/courses. i.e. cost of flights/accommodation/meals etc
- And on what date(s) the officer/police staff member attended the course/courses

Answer

The Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland, at the time, Sir Hugh Orde attended the BT Vital Vision programme whilst serving with the PSNI. The costs associated with his attendance, which included both domestic and international flights and accommodation, totalled £10,534.73. The dates on which he attended the programme are 27.3.07, 29.4.07 to 4.5.07, and 28.10.07 to 2.11.07.

Question 2

Whether your force has any current contracts with BT, and if so:

- What the contracts are for, i.e. IT etc
- The value of each contract
- When the contract(s) began

Answer

Please see below information in relation to our current contracts with BT:

1. Contract = Optical Fibre infrastructure for H/Q sites - Contract Value = £971,066 - Commencement Date = Oct 2005
2. Contract = Optical Fibre infrastructure for other sites - Contract Value = £1.4M - Commencement Date = Feb 2007
3. Contract = Megastreams and Exchange lines - Annual Cost = £5.4M per year - Commencement Date = Dec 2008
4. Contract = Digital Pen Solution - Contract Value = £2.7m - Commencement Date = Dec 2008

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