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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-02978

**Keyword:** Human Resources

**Subject:** HISTORICAL ENQUIRIES TEAM - STAFFING

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

Could you please tell me how many staff work at the HET

#### Answer

The HET is a temporary project established by the PSNI and funded by the Northern Ireland Office. Because of its temporary nature, it utilises temporary staff supplied by agencies. As of 21/9/09, there are currently 136 members of staff working in the Historical Enquiries Team - (full time equivalent of 133)

#### Question 2

How many of these staff are agency workers?

#### Answer

There are 125 agency workers.

#### Question 3

Which agencies supply the workers?

#### Answer

All agency staff are supplied through PSNI Master Vendor, Grafton Recruitment.

#### Question 4

Do they have an exclusive contract with the HET to supply workers?

#### Answer

Grafton Recruitment hold the contract for all PSNI agency staff.

#### Question 5

When did the HET begin hiring agency staff?

#### Answer

The first few temporary agency workers began HET in May 2005

#### Question 6

How much money has been paid to both agency staff and employment agencies since the HET began hiring agency staff?

**Answer**

Police agency staff are retired police officers, civilian agency staff being recruited for administrative support.

Financial Year	Police Agency staff	Civilian Agency staff	Total costs for Agency Staff (Police & Civilian)
2005/06	£ 2,886.51		£ 2,886.51
2006/07	£ 2,860,006.52	£ 544,525.29	£ 3,404,531.81
2007/08	£ 4,617,685.30	£ 794,951.70	£ 5,412,637.00
2008/09	£ 5,783,225.43	£ 993,858.91	£ 6,777,084.34
2009/10	£ 1,632,023.57	£ 288,242.98	£ 1,920,266.55
			<b>£ 17,517,406.21</b>

**Question 7**

From whom is the funding for staff wages provided?

**Answer**

Finance for the HET comes from a ring fenced separate funding from the Northern Ireland Office reflecting the Historical Enquiries Team Independent status.

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