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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02943

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: SECONDMENTS OF PSNI OFFICERS SINCE 2001

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Please give details of all secondments undertaken by PSNI officers to other countries since 2001. Please advise of the location, date and duration of each secondment.

Question 2

How many officers were sent on each secondment, and the rank of each officer.

Answer

Please see attached document which includes details of all seconded officers to other countries since 2001.

Question 3

The cost to the PSNI of each secondment.

Question 4

The precise nature of what happened on each secondment.

Answer

On 23 September 2009 you were advised that to provide a response to further questions may have resulted in your request exceeding the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information Regulations 2004, which is currently set by the Secretary of State at £450 (18 hours). The information required to answer these two questions is not held centrally. Question 3 will require manual recovery by the Finance Department from individual officers' wage details. Similarly, Question 4 will involve a manual trawl of officers' personal files to determine the details of each secondment. It has been estimated by the record holders that this information will take 40 hours to locate and retrieve.

You agreed to receive a response for Questions 1 and 2 only.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this email.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing FOI@psni.pnn.police.uk

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the

Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

SECONDED OFFICERS BY RANK IN EACH LOCATION 2001 - 2009

Location	ACC	Chief Supt	Supt	Chief Insp	Insp	Sgt	Con	Secondment Period
Seconded To Bosnia & Hertz/Kosovo	1		3		6	35	117	162 PSNI have been seconded between January 2001 and April 2008. On average each secondment lasted less than 12 months.
Seconded to EU Pol Miss Afghanistan	1							29 months from July 2006 to January 2009
Seconded to EU Commission (Israel)		1						28 months April 2004 to December 2006
Seconded to Foreign & Commonwealth (Iraq)	1		7	9				17 PSNI have been seconded between July 2003 and September 2009. On average each secondment lasted less than 13 months.
Seconded to FCO (East Timor)				1			1	2 PSNI have been seconded between October 2001 and April 2005. On average each secondment lasted less than 17 months.
Dept of International Development (Kenya)							1	10 months between October 2004 to August 2005
EU Mission (Bosnia)			1	1				2 PSNI have been seconded between December 2004 and May 2009. On average each secondment lasted less than 16 months.
NPIA (Bramshill) International Policing Advisor				1				Seconded to NPIA since March 2008

SECONDED OFFICERS BY RANK IN EACH LOCATION 2001 - 2009

NPIA (Bramshill) International Policing Training					1		
Totals	3	1	11	12	6	35	119

Seconded to NPIA for two weeks
January / February 2009