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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-01368

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: ATTENDANCE OF ARMY TECHNICAL OFFICERS AT SCENES

Request and Answer:

Question 1

The number of security alerts in which Army Technical officers were asked to attend by the PSNI during the financial years of 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009.

Question 2

Figures relating to the number of security alerts in which Army Technical officers were asked to attend by the PSNI during the financial years of 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 in each police district and including north, south, west and east Belfast.

Answer

PSNI's Central Statistics Unit do not produce statistics on the number of security alerts in which Army Technical Officers were asked to attend by the PSNI. However they can produce bombing incident statistics broken down by Police Area for the years specified. Please see document below.

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.

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Number of Bombing Incidents in Northern Ireland: 1 April 2004 – 31 March 2009

		2004/05		2005/06		2006/07		2007/08		2008/09	
		Bombing Incidents	Devices Used	Bombing Incidents	Devices Used	Bombing Incidents	Devices Used	Bombing Incidents	Devices Used	Bombing Incidents	Devices Used
		Policing Area									
Antrim	4	4	4	4	0	0	4	4	0	0	
Ards	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	
Armagh	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	4	
Banbridge	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	
East Belfast	8	9	7	8	1	8	0	0	0	0	
North Belfast	2	2	22	35	0	0	0	0	12	14	
South Belfast	1	1	5	5	0	0	1	1	5	11	
West Belfast	5	5	11	16	0	0	0	0	2	2	
Ballymena	3	4	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Ballymoney	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Carrickfergus	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Coleraine	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Cookstown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	
Craigavon	3	3	3	4	4	6	1	1	4	4	
Castlereagh	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	
Dungannon & S Tyrone	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	
Down	4	4	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	1	
Fermanagh	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	3	
Foyle	1	1	3	3	2	2	0	0	2	2	
Larne	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lisburn	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Magherafelt	4	5	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	
Newtownabbey	0	0	5	6	1	1	3	3	2	2	
North Down	3	3	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Newry & Mourne	1	1	0	0	2	2	2	3	2	2	
Omagh	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Strabane	0	0	0	0	3	3	6	6	1	1	
Total	48	51	81	103	20	29	23	24	46	54	