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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-02761

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** BAND COMPETITION - RASHARKIN - 21 AUGUST 2009

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

How many police officers were deployed in connection with the band competition held in Rasharkin on Friday 21st August 2009?

#### Answer

A total of 137 officers were deployed in connection with the band parade held in Rasharkin on Friday 21st August 2009

#### Question 2

How many meetings did the PSNI attend in connection with this parade?

#### Answer

The PSNI attended a total of 11 meetings in connection with this parade.

#### Question 3

Where and when did any meetings referred to in Question 2 above take place, who attended them and for what purpose were they held?

#### Answer

The details of these meetings are as follows. It should be noted that, if requested, the actual names of persons attending these meetings would be likely to be exempted under the Freedom of Information Act by virtue of exemption S38 Health and Safety.

3rd August 2009 Ballymena PSNI  
Local Senior PSNI Officers  
To discuss Ballymacconnelly Parade

12th August 2009 Parades Commission Belfast  
Parades Commission Personnel and local District Inspectors

14th August 2009 Ballymena PSNI  
Local Senior PSNI Officers/Local PSNI Officers/PSNI Media  
To Plan the Ballymacconnelly Parade

19th August 2009 Ballymoney PSNI  
Local Senior PSNI Officers/Councillors/MLA  
To discuss the Ballymacconnelly Parade

18th August 2009 Ballymoney PSNI  
Local Senior PSNI Officers  
Representative from Department of Foreign Affairs  
To discuss the Ballymaconnelly Parade

19th August 2009 Ballymoney PSNI  
Local Senior PSNI Officers  
Representatives from Ballymaconnelly Band  
Councillor and MLA  
To discuss the Ballymaconnelly Parade

20th August 2009 Ballymoney PSNI  
Local Senior PSNI Officers  
Representative from Northern Ireland Office  
To discuss the Ballymaconnelly Parade

20th August 2009 Coleraine PSNI  
Senior PSNI Officers  
To discuss the Ballymaconnelly Parade

20th August 2009 Ballymoney PSNI  
Local Senior PSNI Officers  
PSNI Assistant Legal Adviser  
To discuss the Ballymaconnelly Parade

21st August 2009 Ballymoney PSNI  
Local Senior PSNI Officers  
Councillors/MLA  
To discuss the Ballymaconnelly Parade

21st July 2009 Ballymoney PSNI  
Local Senior PSNI Officers  
MLA  
Representatives from Ballymaconnelly Band

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