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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02285

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: POLICING OF PARADES / RIOTS - ARDOYNE, BELFAST - JULY 2009

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Cost of policing feeder parade in Ardoyne on the evening of 13th July 2009?

Answer

It has not been possible to break down the costs of this feeder parade separately from other costs on the 13th July 2009. Please see questions 3 and 4 below.

Question 2

Cost of policing rioting in Ardoyne before and after the marches in Ardoyne on July 13th 2009?

Answer

It has not been possible to break down the costs of policing disturbances before and after these parades separately from other costs on the 13th July 2009. Please see questions 3 and 4 below.

Question 3

Cost police claimed in overtime that night?

Answer

The total cost of police overtime on 13th July 2009 in relation to policing the parade and related disturbances in Ardoyne was £143,348

Question 4

Total cost of police operation on night including policing parade, overtime, rioting in Ardoyne on 13th 2009?

Answer

The total cost of the police operation on 13th July 2009, including policing the parade, disturbances and overtime in Ardoyne was £332,678

Question 5

Cost of policing riots in Ardoyne on July 14 2009?

Answer

The total cost of the police operation in Ardoyne on 14th July 2009 was £42,014

Question 6

Cost of policing riots in Ardoyne on July 15 2009?

Answer

The total cost of the police operation in Ardoyne on 15th July 2009 was £47,368

Please note that these costs are based upon the use of ready reckoners and as such cannot be taken as absolutely accurate, but indicative. Also that the information retrieved and provided refers to "disturbances" and "parades" which occurred within the specified area as I believe this is what you are seeking.

The police operation on 13th was aimed at facilitating people's right to parade, protest, or go about their daily lives with minimal disruption. Unfortunately a small minority of people attacked Police with petrol bombs, bricks, bottles and many other missiles damaging their own community.

The Police response to the violence was graduated, and proportionate to the level of violence they faced. 21 officers were injured protecting the local community and restoring calm to the area. They displayed professionalism and a clear example of proportionate policing in extreme and unique circumstances.

One person was arrested in relation to disorder in Ardoyne on 13 July and three people were arrested in relation to disorder in Ardoyne on 15 July.

Footage from all the disorder is still being examined and Police are carrying out a proactive and robust investigation in order to bring those responsible to justice.

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