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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-01763

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: STANDOFF AT POWERSCOURT PLACE, BELFAST

Request and Answer:

Question

How much it cost to police the standoff at a Housing Executive property in Powerscourt Place, Ormeau Road, Belfast on Thursday May 21?

Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

This information is not available, as this type of incident is not routinely costed. To provide costings for this incident would involve going through a 149 page incident log to identify all police officers involved and the length of time each officer involved for. Using this information it would then be necessary to identify each officer's pay scale point and if any were on overtime, etc., and then multiply the time each one spent at the incident by their hourly rate. To undertake this process would amount to the creation of new information which public authorities are not required to do under the Act.

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.

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