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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-03645

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: TERRORIST RELATED INCIDENTS IN EACH POLICING DISTRICT

Request and Answer:

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information and the answer to your questions are as follows:

Question 1

Could you detail the total number of terrorist related incidents in each policing district in each of the past 5 years? Could you separate them into categories of acts/threats/hoaxes.

Question 2

Could you separate such occurrences into the separate geographical areas specifically for F District?

Answer

Please see table on Security Related Incidents below.

PSNI Security Statistics section collates details of shooting, bombing and incendiary incidents whereas within our Crime Statistics Section we also have details of recorded crimes relating for bomb hoaxes and for figures for bombing incidents. There may be some overlap between the two sources of incidents recorded in our Security Statistics and Crime Statistics Sections. However, there may be valid reasons for this (i.e. differing counting rules. Crime Statistics follow national guidance in the Home Office Counting Rules which stipulate that we record the most serious offence in any incident. So if someone is wounded or killed from an explosion we would record the murder/wounding offences and not the bombing itself.

To access similar information on the PSNI Publication Scheme please visit our website at:

http://www.psni.police.uk/index/updates/updates_statistics/updates_security_situation_and_public_order_statistics.htm

Question 3

Could you also provide an estimate policing cost for such incidents by each policing district for each of the past 5 years?

Answer

Please see table on estimate for Bomb or Bomb Hoax Costings below.

Costings have been calculated by PSNI Finance Department which are derived from the Crime Statistics (by adding the bomb hoax and explosive offences together – except for 2004/05 where they have just used the figures for hoax bombs).

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 letter.

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.

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Security Related Incidents

1st April 2004 – 31st March 2009

District	Security Statistics															Crime Statistics									
	Shooting Incidents ¹					Bombing Incidents ²					Incendiary Incidents					Bomb Hoax Offences					Explosive Offences Endangering Life				
	0405	0506	0607	0708	0809	0405	0506	0607	0708	0809	0405	0506	0607	0708	0809	0405	0506	0607	0708	0809	0405	0506	0607	0708	0809
A District	43	46	24	9	13	7	33	0	0	14	2	0	0	0	0	115	105	77	38	53	2	7	0	0	2
B District	16	32	3	2	2	9	12	1	1	5	3	0	4	0	1	80	70	58	35	65	4	1	3	0	2
C District	38	30	4	3	2	10	0	2	5	2	5	1	0	0	0	37	25	23	10	15	8	1	0	3	0
D District	17	23	8	9	12	5	16	1	7	3	9	0	1	0	0	54	35	32	27	51	3	5	1	2	1
E District	20	12	6	8	8	5	7	6	4	10	4	0	4	0	1	78	101	133	66	155	2	3	2	0	5
F District	7	0	1	1	3	0	1	4	0	7	0	0	1	0	3	35	18	24	14	35	1	4	6	1	5
G District	15	12	7	9	11	5	4	6	6	4	4	0	0	0	0	45	56	31	26	25	2	1	0	0	2
H District	11	1	5	1	3	7	8	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	27	36	27	6	27	3	3	1	0	0
Total	167	156	58	42	54	48	81	20	23	46	29	1	11	0	5	471	446	405	222	426	25	25	13	6	17

Security Related Incidents in F District

1st April 2004 – 31st March 2009

District	Security Statistics															Crime Statistics									
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Cookstown	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	8	2	8	3	10	1	0	0	0	4
Dungannon	5	0	1	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	8	7	5	15	0	4	3	0	1
Fermanagh	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	9	6	4	2	7	0	0	1	0	0
Omagh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	5	4	3	0	0	2	1	0
Total	7	0	1	1	3	0	1	4	0	7	0	0	1	0	3	35	18	24	14	35	1	4	6	1	5

1. The following types of incidents are included:

- Shots fired by terrorists
- Shots fired by the security forces
- Paramilitary-style attacks involving shootings
- Shots heard (and later confirmed)

2. An individual bombing incident may involve one or more explosive devices. Incidents recorded include explosions and defusings. Incidents involving hoax devices, petrol bombings or incendiaries are excluded.

Note: *Statistics are provisional and may be subject to minor amendment.*

Source: Central Statistics Unit, Police Service of Northern Ireland, Lisnasharragh

Bomb or Bomb Hoax - Districts

Year	District	Total Cost £k	No of Incidents
2004/05	A	3,982	115
	B	4,763	80
	C	3,282	37
	D	4,948	54
	E	5,262	78
	F	4,815	35
	G	6,279	45
	H	4,469	27
2005/06	A	322	112
	B	297	71
	C	223	26
	D	575	40
	E	252	104
	F	214	22
	G	221	57
	H	183	39
2006/07	A	122	77
	B	183	61
	C	117	23
	D	290	33
	E	232	135
	F	176	30
	G	354	31
	H	242	28
2007/08	A	97	38
	B	123	34
	C	83	13
	D	282	29
	E	63	66
	F	127	15
	G	90	26
	H	43	6

Bomb or Bomb Hoax - F District

DCU	Year	Total Cost £k	No of Incidents
Cookstown	2004/05	537	8
	2005/06	27	2
	2006/07	58	8
Dungannon & South Tyrone	2004/05	1,296	12
	2005/06	46	12
	2006/07	44	10
Fermanagh	2004/05	1,865	9
	2005/06	60	6
	2006/07	50	5
Omagh	2004/05	1,117	6
	2005/06	82	2
	2006/07	24	7

Notes:

The breakdown of the costs & number of incidents within F District is not available for 2007/08