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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02729

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: GIFTS PRESENTED TO SIR HUGH ORDE

Request and Answer:

Question

A description of the gifts presented to Sir Hugh Orde on the occasion of his leaving the Chief Constable Post.

Question

The value of each gift presented to Sir Hugh Orde.

Answer

In answer to both questions above, the following gifts were presented to Sir Hugh Orde:

Painting of the Giants Causeway by a local artist. Cost - £500 (Paid for with money donated by colleagues)
Book consisting of letters of appreciation received by the Chief Constable marking his retirement. Cost - £350
A framed montage of photographs of Sir Hugh Orde taken during his seven years as Chief Constable. Cost - £104.20
A framed picture of Sir Hugh Orde at his last Graduation Ceremony on 31 July 2009. Cost - £104.20

Question

The value and description of food at the leaving event at PSNI Headquarters on Wednesday August 26

Answer

The food provided at Sir Hugh Orde's leaving event consisted of a Finger Buffet and cake and cost £1671.40

Question

The value and description of drink at the leaving event at PSNI Headquarters on Wednesday August 26.

Answer

The beverages provided at Sir Hugh Orde's leaving event consisted of tea, coffee and fruit juice at no cost to the PSNI.

Question

The overall cost of the leaving event for Sir Hugh Orde at the PSNI Headquarters.

Answer

The overall cost of Sir Hugh Orde's leaving event at PSNI Headquarters totalled £2929.80

During his tenure as Chief Constable of the PSNI, Sir Hugh Orde has earned enormous respect both within and outside the organisation. It was with that in mind, that it was felt that the Northern Ireland public would rightly expect this organisation to arrange and fund a modest reception, including light refreshments at public expense, to mark his departure from this organisation and to allow colleagues, to pass on their personal good wishes. This was an internal function and invitations were not extended outside the organisation.

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