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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02990

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: MEDIA' BLACKLISTING' BY PSNI

Request and Answer:

Question

Notes or records re: blacklists or profiles the PSNI is compiling re: journalists. This FOI relates to the PPS and PSNI reaction to our Mark Russell campaign and to the blacklisting of pro-life Catholic magazines by the PSNI re: journalistic queries re: gay brothels in Belfast. More questions for vice accused BBC News - ? Sep 22, 2009?

Police were granted permission to have Chen Rong, 32, released from jail for 72 hours to assist with other inquiries by Belfast Magistrates Court. ...

It is also potentially relevant re: the Chen Rong case.

Answer

The PSNI Department of Media & PR does not blacklist any publication or journalist and all are treated in an equal manner. However, we do carefully consider where we place our messages in relation to campaigns, appeals and general news in order to reach our target audiences and to manage, build and enhance the reputation of the organisation.

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