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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-01964

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** PSNI ANNUAL REPORT 2008/9

### Request and Answer:

#### Question

*Ref the period of the PSNI annual report on crime 2008/09.*

Please advise the number of crimes in each category of very serious violent crime e.g. murder, gbh etc. Against each category please advise how many crimes were \*proactively\* reported to the media by police i.e. as appeals for information witnesses or in any other format. Please do not include instances where the crimes were reported to the media as a result of media inquiries.

#### Answer

The cost of complying with your request for information would exceed the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, which is currently set by the Secretary of State at £450.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland have also considered whether we can be of any assistance in terms of helping you refine your request to bring it under the cost limit however the nature and structure of the information unfortunately makes this impossible.

During the period in question, 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009, there were 10,740 press logs created by the PSNI press office. In order to establish which of the relevant logs relate to serious violent crime and which were released pro-actively as opposed to re-actively would require these logs to be checked individually. Further to this there are many logs containing information that is prepared for a re-active release which at a later time may be deemed appropriate for pro-active release, for example due to the nature of the investigation or subsequent developments.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter should be considered as a Refusal Notice, and the request has therefore been closed.

You may wish to submit a refined request in order that the cost of complying with your request may be facilitated within the 'appropriate limit'. Submission of a refined request would be treated as a new request, and considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, including consideration of relevant Part II exemptions.

If you have any queries regarding your request or this 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 email.

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](mailto: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 @ <http://www.psnipolice.uk/>

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