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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-02063

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** TRADING ACTIVITIES OF THE PSNI

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

I was interested to discover that I can purchase a report from DuPort (<http://www.duport.co.uk/>) on a company called "The Police Services Northern Ireland". It has a registration number: UC3582278, and a registered address of 65 Knock Road Belfast County Antrim BT5 6LD.

Could you please forward me full details of the trading activities of this company and its last three years audited accounts?

#### Answer

The Police Service of Northern Ireland is not an incorporated company and as such does not have trading activities.

The last three years audited accounts can be obtained through our website <http://www.psnipolice.uk/>

#### Question 2

I was also interested to discover that every PSNI police station seems to exist as a company with a UC company number. While I understand that it would probably take you outside of your obligations under the Act to send me similar information for each of these companies, can you please tell me, in general, why Northern Ireland police stations are trading as companies?

#### Answer

Police Stations are not incorporated and do not have any trading activities.

#### Question 3

For "The Police Services Northern Ireland" and for the other PSNI companies, can you please tell me which legislation these companies are incorporated under?

#### Answer

PSNI is not incorporated and therefore no legislation applies.

#### Question 4

For "The Police Services Northern Ireland" and for the other PSNI companies, can you please tell me what reporting obligations you are bound by? I.e. do you have to supply accounts and an annual report to Companies House? Or to Government?

#### Answer

As a government body PSNI is required to supply annual accounts to the government.

In addition I would like to advise that the company/website <http://www.duport.co.uk/> that holds details as referred to in this question, is not implying that PSNI is incorporated. The original number UC3582278 refers only to PSNI being an organisation they hold information on. This is also the case for the police stations listed on this site.

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 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.

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