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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-02747

Keyword: Complaints/Discipline

Subject: Speed Detection Equipment

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested.

Question 1

I am writing in relation to the radar and laser speed detection equipment ('hairdryers') used in Northern Ireland and I wish to apply for a full disclosure of the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please specify the number of (1) radar and (2) laser devices operational in Northern Ireland over the last two financial years.

Answer

Radar = 37
Laser = 169

Question 2

Please specify the revenue generated by (1) radar and (2) laser devices currently operational in Northern Ireland during each of the last two financial years. Please also break down the figures by area (2008/09 and 2009/10).

Answer

Monies collected as a result of issuing fixed penalty notices for speeding are paid to the Courts and Tribunals Service, not the PSNI. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Question 3

Please state all costs involved in running (1) radar and (2) laser speed detection devices in Northern Ireland during each of the last two financial years (2008/09 and 2009/10). Please break down these costs (for example repair, maintenance, replacement).

Answer

The installation, maintenance and calibration of speed detection equipment for PSNI, (excluding SPECS) is undertaken by Forensic Science Northern Ireland. (<http://www.fsni.gov.uk/services/areas-of-expertise/electronics/>) Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Question 4

Please specify how much revenue was generated by SPECS over the last two financial years. Please also break down the figures by area (2008/09 and 2009/10).

Answer

2008-09 £1,320

2009-10 £60

Question 5

Please state all costs involved in running SPECS over each of the last two financial years (2008/09 and 2009/10).

Answer

2008-09 £39,000

2009-10 £39,000

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.

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