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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-00151
Keyword: Crime
Subject: Anti-Social Behaviour

Request and Answer:

Question 1

In each of the last 5 financial years, how many people have been the subject of anti-social behaviour?

Question 2

Of those numbers, how many were harassed by a neighbour?

Answer

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 it has been decided to refuse access to the information you have requested. Section 21 of the Act provides that information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means is exempt information.

The information you have requested is available from the Police Service of Northern Ireland's Publication Scheme. To access our Publication Scheme please visit our website at

http://www.psnl.police.uk/index/updates/updates_statistics/updates_antisocial_behaviour_statistics.htm

Anti social behaviour (ASB) is a category within the National Standard for Incident Recording and there is a subcategory within ASB called rowdy/nuisance neighbours which covers nuisance neighbours, neighbourly disputes and noisy neighbours and may be the closest approximation to Question 2. "Harassment by a neighbour" (if it is a crime of harassment) falls outside ASB.

Anti Social Behaviour figures are only available from 2006/07. ASB totals (Q1) and figures for rowdy/nuisance neighbours (Q2) for 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09 and 2009/10 (April-December) are already published on the PSNI website and can be accessed through the link above. The figures show the number of incidents of this nature reported to police.

If you have any queries regarding your request please write or contact the Freedom of Information

Team on 028 9070 0164. Please remember to quote the reference number listed above in any future communications with the Freedom of Information Team.

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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.