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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F 2010 03390

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Cross Border Beef scam - further questions

Request and Answer:

Question

Previous requests F-2010-03009 and F-2010-01486 refer

We refer to the above matter and to your correspondence of 12 November 2010. In this correspondence you have indicated that the PSNI provided operational support in the presence of uniformed officers to deal with public order issues.

We would therefore be obliged if you could provide us with any documentation that would have been generated as a result of this operational support.

This documentation would be sought under the Freedom of Information Act and we look forward to hearing from you in relation to this request at your earliest convenience.

Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does not hold the information to which you seek access.

By way of explanation, although PSNI supplied uniform support, attending a location with a partner agency in order to prevent a breach of the peace is not out of the ordinary and would be considered a normal policing role. There is no requirement to specifically record this information.

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