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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-00204

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Crimes Committed and Press Releases Issued

### 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. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

#### Question 1

I would like these details for the last calendar/financial year (2009-2010), whichever suits.

The number of crimes committed overall in your area in 2009-2010 - any breakdown regarding the type of crimes would be appreciated.

#### Answer

Please see table below detailing crimes committed during 2009/10.

#### Question 1a

How many murders were committed, and how many of those murders had Press releases issued.

#### Answer

In the calendar year 2009-2010, there were 25 murders. Details of all 25 incidents were released automatically to the media.

#### Question 2

How many Press releases were issued overall to the media in 2009-2010.

#### Answer

During the calendar year 2009-2010, the Dept of Media & PR issued details about 11,189 incidents. Some incidents may have had more than one press release issued, as further details emerged or further appeals for information were required. For example the murder of Stephen Carroll will count as one of these 11,189 incidents, however over 50 proactive press releases/updates about the incident were released.

Also, please note that this figure includes traffic & travel information which we release on a daily basis and therefore would not necessarily be counted as a crime.

**Question 3**

How much did this force spend OR budget for the media AND/OR corporate communications department in this period.

**Answer**

The latest figures available are from April 2009 to December 2009. In this period the PSNI spent £1,146,837 on salary & related, overheads, incidentals, telecoms and technology.

**Question 3a**

How many people were employed to work in the media AND/OR corporate communications department in this period.

**Answer**

During this period there were 37.25 established posts within the Department of Media and Public Relations.

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.

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