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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-00370

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Drug Seizures

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.

Question 7

How many drug seizures have taken place in Belfast in the last 12 months and how much do the recovered drugs amount to in terms of street value?

Answer 7

There have been 900 seizure incidents in Belfast between 1st February 2009 and 31st January 2010 equating to £1,143,614 seized in street value.

Question 8

Where have the drug seizures taken place in Belfast in the last 12 months?

Answer 8

Belfast seizure incidents by Police Area – 1st February 2009 – 31st January 2010

	East Belfast	North Belfast	South Belfast	West Belfast	Total
Seizure Incidents	135	291	341	133	900

Question 9

How many searches, in connection with drugs in Belfast, have led to arrests and then prosecutions in the last 2 years?

Answer 9

There have been 1,036 persons arrested in Belfast between 1st February 08 and 31st January 2010 in connection with drug offences.

Note: 2009/10 Statistics are provisional and may be subject to minor amendment.

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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