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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F 2010 02839

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Crime By Foreign Nationals

### Request and Answer:

#### Request

- 1: How many people accused of murder in Northern Ireland during the past five years have been foreign nationals?
- 2: How many people accused of attempted murder in Northern Ireland during the past five years have been foreign nationals?
- 3: How many individuals accused of rape in Northern Ireland during the past five years have been foreign nationals?
- 4: What percentage of those from overseas has committed criminal offences during the past five years?

#### Clarification

In each of three of the questions where I use word 'accused', please ammend to 'charged'. In other words, how many foreign nationals have been 'charged' with murder, etc.

#### Question 1

How many people charged of murder in Northern Ireland during the past five years have been foreign nationals?

#### Answer 1

14 foreign nationals have been charged with murder since 2005.

#### Question 2

How many people charged of attempted murder in Northern Ireland during the past five years have been foreign nationals?

#### Answer 2

11 foreign nationals have been charged with attempted murder since 2005.

#### Question 3

How many individuals charged of rape in Northern Ireland during the past five years have been foreign nationals?

**Answer 3**

30 foreign nationals have been charged with rape in since 2005.

**Question 4**

What percentage of those from overseas has committed criminal offences during the past five years?

**Answer 4**

6.79% of individuals charged with an offence have been a foreign national.

In order to answer this request the PSNI has taken foreign national to mean someone whose is not a citizen of the United Kingdom or Ireland. This is by virtue of Section 2 of the Ireland Act 1949.

This information was retrieved on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010 and also these figures are based on information taken from a live crime recording system and may be subject to change.

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