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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F 2010 02552

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** PSNI spend on obtaining mobile phone records and forensic science

### Request and Answer:

How much does your police force spend on:

Question 1

Obtaining mobile phone records and

Question 2

Forensic science services?

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.

Answer 1

Year April 2009 to end of March 2010 PSNI have spent £236,246.96 including VAT on all communications data received and Year April 2010 until 9th September 2010 PSNI have spent approx £93,239.55 including VAT on all communications data received.

Answer 2

Year April 2009 to end of March 2010 PSNI spent approximately £11,500,000 on external Forensic Science Services and Year April 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010 PSNI have spent approx £4,400,000 on external Forensic Science Services.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

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](mailto: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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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