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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-02146

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Number of Shootings Carried out by Terrorists/Paramilitaries

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 and the answer to your questions are as follows:

Question 1

In FOI request 'F-2010-00710', in footnote 1, page 000002, it states that the data-set for 'Shootings' under the table-title: 'Security Related Incidents' has been composed using the following incidents:

1. Shots fired by terrorists
2. Shots fired by security forces
3. Paramilitary-style attacks involving shootings
4. Shots heard (and later confirmed).

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000,

Please only provide the total number of 'Shootings' that were fired by 'Terrorists, Paramilitaries and Shots Heard (and later confirmed)' (i.e. points 1, 3 and 4) for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008.

Answer

Please see a table below which presents shooting incidents for the years 2006 to 2008 excluding shots fired by the security forces.

Year	2006	2007	2008
Shooting Incidents ¹	63	46	42

¹ The following types of incidents are included:

- Shots fired by terrorists
- Paramilitary-style attacks involving shootings
- Shots heard (and later confirmed)

Question 2

Please confirm whether the data in the tables on 'Paramilitary Style Shootings' (page 000003) is included in the previous table; entitled: 'Security Related Incidents' (p. 000002).

Answer

Paramilitary style shootings on page 3 are included in the security related incidents table as per the shootings footnote provided in FOI-2010-00710.

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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