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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F 2010 01639

Keyword: Crime

Subject: OSMAN WARNINGS WITH RACIST ELEMENT

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you.

Question 1

I would be grateful if you could provide me with a breakdown of the figures for 2006 and 2007 and any available statistics since then to show the numbers and proportions that were related to potential racist threats or threats that met the Macpherson definition of a racial incident.

Answer 1

Total number of racial / hate related PM1's served in 2006 - 20

Total number of racial / hate related PM1's served in 2007 - 8

Question 2

If you do not categorise such results I would be grateful if you could provide a breakdown of the racial group/ethnicity of those receiving such warnings.

Answer 2

PSNI do categorise such results. However, you may be interested to know that they are not broken down into racial groups/ethnicity.

Question 3

I would also be grateful if you could provide statistical breakdown by policing area of these threats.

Answer 3

Total number of racial / hate related PM1's served by policing area in 2006

'B' District - 12

'C' District - 1

'D' District - 6

'F' District - 1

Total number of racial / hate related PM1's served by policing area in 2007

'A' District - 1

'B' District - 4

'C' District - 2

'E' District - 1

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