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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-02702

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Number of Sectarian Attacks Reported

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

How many sectarian attacks were there reported to police for calendar year January 1st 2008 to December 31st 2008.

Answer

Please see table below for crimes recorded with a sectarian motivation for 2008.

Question 2

How many arrests were there for these incidents?

Answer

173

Question 3

How many charges were there for these incidents?

Answer

119

Question 4

How many sectarian attacks were there reported to police for calendar year January 1st 2009 to December 31st 2009?

Answer

Please see table below for crimes recorded with a sectarian motivation for 2009.

Question 5

How many arrests were there for these incidents?

Answer

258

Question 6

How many charges were there for these incidents?

Answer

241

Question 7

How many sectarian attacks were reported to police from January 1st, 2010 to September 20, 2010?

Answer

Please see table below for crimes recorded with a sectarian motivation for 2010, up to 20 September 2010.

Question 8

How many arrests were there for these incidents?

Answer

168

Question 9

How many charges were there for these incidents?

Answer

200

The number of charges (200) exceeds the number of arrests (168) however this is because some of the arrest records had multiple charges.

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