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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-01513

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Security Statistics in Northern Ireland in the 1980s and 1990s

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. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Question

In an earlier request you very kindly forwarded copies of the Chief Constables annual report. In the report for 1994 it shows a breakdown of Persons Charged with Terrorist offences showing number, Republican and Loyalist and types of offence Murder, Attempted Murder, Firearms, Explosives, Armed Robbery and other.

Unfortunately the reports prior to 1994 do not give yearly breakdowns and I need the figures for each year to show trends. Would it be possible to supply a breakdown of figures for the period 1987 – 1994 showing Persons Charged with Terrorist offences; numbers, Republican and Loyalist and types of offence Murder, Attempted Murder, Firearms, Explosives, Armed Robbery and other.

In addition the reports also did not show figures for 1992 and 1993 for Major Terrorist Incidents by % ie Republican Murders, Loyalist Murder, Republican Shooting, Loyalist Shooting, Republican Bombs and Loyalist Bombs. Would be possible to supply these figures as well.

Answer

Please find attached records.

Please note that statistics on the total number of persons charged contained within Chief Constable's Reports prior to 1995 were subsequently revised. The statistics provided in response to this query and reports from 1995 onwards contain no such inconsistencies.

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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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

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

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Please provide figures for 1992 and 1993 for Major Terrorist Incidents by % ie Republican Murders, Loyalist Murder, Republican Shooting, Loyalist Shooting, Republican Bombs and Loyalist Bombs.

Persons Charged with Terrorist Type Offences 1987-1994

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Note:

- 1. Statistics include only the most serious offence with which a person is charged.
- 2. Other includes hijacking, petrol bomb offences, membership, withholding information, arson, rioting.
- 3. Statistics refer to those brought against a person after the original period of detention (including extensions). Any subsequent changes, additions, deletions to the original charges are not included.

Terrorist Incidents by attribution* - 1992

	1992							
	Loyalist ¹	%	Republican ¹	%	Other ¹	%	Total	
Number of persons murdered	39	49.4%	36	45.6%	4	5.1%	79	
Number of shooting incidents	163	32.2%	215	42.5%	128	25.3%	506	
Number of bombing devices used	7	1.9%	364	98.1%	0	0.0%	371	

Terrorist Incidents by attribution* - 1993

	1993								
	Loyalist ¹	%	Republican ¹	%	Other ¹	%	Total		
Number of persons murdered	47	57.3%	35	42.7%	0	0.0%	82		
Number of shooting incidents	202	42.4%	166	34.9%	108	22.7%	476		
Number of bombing devices used	62	21.5%	227	78.5%	0	0.0%	289		

^{*}Note: It appears that the Major Terrorist Incidents graph in the 1994 Chief Constable's Report excluded incidents attributed to Other when working out the percentage attributed to Republicans/Loyalists.

¹ Attribution is as perceived by PSNI based on the information available and does not necessarily indicate the involvement of a paramilitary organisation.