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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-00761
Keyword: Crime
Subject: Statistics of Immigrants

Request and Answer:

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information and the answer to your questions are as follows:

Question 1

2008/2009 statistics on the number of immigrants coming into Northern Ireland.

Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

You may wish to contact the Office for National Statistic (Migration Statistics Unit) who may be able to provide you with the information requested, they can be contacted at MigStatsUnit@ons.gsi.gov.uk.

Question 2

2008/2009 statistics on the number of racist attacks on immigrants in Northern Ireland.

Answer

PSNI do not hold the number of racist attacks on immigrants in Northern Ireland, however we are able to provide details of racist crimes by nationality of the victim but we would be unable to say whether the victim was an immigrant.

Please see table attached below in relation to racist crimes by nationality.

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.

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.

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.

Crimes with a racist motivation^{1,2} by nationality of victim

Victim Nationality	2008/09
Afghanistan	1
Albania	1
Algeria	2
Austria	0
Angola	1
Bangladesh	9
Benin	2
Botswana	0
Bulgaria	2
Cote d'Ivoire	1
China	27
Cyprus	0
Czech Republic	11
Egypt	2
England	2
Fiji	1
France	3
Germany	2
Ghana	1
Greece	2
Guyana	0
Hong Kong	0
Hungary	3
India	42
Iran, Islamic republic of	9
Iraq	0
Ireland	8
Italy	1
Jamaica	1
Jordan	3
Kenya	2
Korea, Democratic Peoples Republic of	1
Latvia	12
Lebanon	0
Liberia	1
Lithuania	38
Malaysia	4
Mauritania	1
Mexico	1
Morocco	8
Nigeria	3
Northern Ireland	80

Victim Nationality	2008/09
Pakistan	6
Palestinian Territory, occupied	0
Philippines	10
Poland	184
Portugal	32
Romania	6
Russian Federation	1
Rwanda	0
Scotland	0
Serbia and Montenegro	1
Slovakia	36
Slovenia	2
South Africa	9
Spain	0
Sri Lanka	1
Sudan	3
Thailand	1
Trinidad and Tobago	1
Tanzania, United Republic of	0
Turkey	10
Ukraine	0
United Kingdom	45
United States of America	4
Uzbekistan	1
Viet Nam	0
Wales	0
Zambia	1
Zimbabwe	6
Nationality Missing	123
Total crimes with a racist motivation	771

Source: PSNI Central Statistics Unit

¹A racist motivated crime is defined as any crime which is perceived to be racist by the victim or any other person. A racial group can be defined as a group of persons defined by reference to race, colour, nationality or ethnic or national origins (this includes UK National origins ie Scottish, English, Welsh and Irish) and references to a person's racial group refer to any racial group into which he/she falls. Racial group includes the Irish Traveller community.

²The PSNI's statistics on crimes with a hate motivation are derived from a motivation 'tick box' contained in the Occurrence Management Form which has to be completed by a police officer or member of police staff for each such reported crime. The correct application of a hate motivation for all such crimes is not quality assured by the PSNI's Central Statistics Branch.