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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-01709
Keyword: Finance
Subject: Advertising & Public Relations Costs

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 1

Please could you tell me how much your force has spent on:

Public relations (internal and external consultancies, if applicable)

Answer

Please see response to question 2 below. PSNI do not account separately for Public Relations and Advertising, therefore the totals provided in answer to Q2 include spend on Public Relations.

Question 2

Advertising (including leaflets, flyers and promotion).

If it is possible to say how much of figure 2 is for recruitment advertising, that would be helpful.

Answer

Please see table below detailing the advertising costs which also includes spend on Public Relations and Patten expenditure on recruitment (Patten Commission reforms implemented to the Police Service in 1999)

Total Advertising Spend

Financial Year				
2009/10	2008/09	2007/08	2006/07	2005/06
£k	£k	£k	£k	£k
3,552	3,515	4,575	7,979	6,522

The costs in relation to recruitment are provided separately below but are also included in the 'Total

Advertising Spend' above.

Recruitment

Financial Year				
2009/10	2008/09	2007/08	2006/07	2005/06
£k	£k	£k	£k	£k
2,934	2,963	3,918	7,480	6,077

These figures have been extracted from the Integra finance system by Finance Support Services. It should be noted that Finance are unable to identify if there are any costs within the recruitment advertising codes, included in error.

Question 3

Website set-up, development and maintenance, SEO fees (internal and external consultancies if applicable)

Please could you supply these as annual figures, itemised for each category for each of the last five years or however many years you have information available for.

Answer

The Department of Media & PR spend on the external website are as follows:

2007/08 £2,260
2008/09 £21,733
2009/10 £14,510

IT support costs to run the PSNI website over the last 5 years are as follows :

05/06 £ 28,866 Line Rental & Hardware and Software support
06/07 £ 28,866 Line Rental & Hardware and Software support
07/08 £ 28,866 Line Rental & Hardware and Software support
08/09 £ 28,866 Line Rental & Hardware and Software support
09/10 £ 28,866 Line Rental & Hardware and Software support

No further breakdown of costs can be provided.

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