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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-02516

**Keyword:** Finance

**Subject:** Cost of Ardoyne Riots on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010

### 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 question is as follows:

#### Question

Today the Chief Constable has said that rioting in the Ardoyne area of North Belfast over the twelfth of July cost £1.1m to police. Could you provide me with a full breakdown of those costs?

#### Answer

Costs of £1.1m are broken down as follows:

Cost to Operational Support Department is £680k which relates to approximately £577k for Tactical Support Groups and Armed Response Units and £103k for Roads Policing Unit i.e. Water Canon.

Cost to Districts is approximately £254k – A District £162k, B District £44k and C District £48k.

Cost to Crime Operations Department was approximately £67k consisting of duty time and Air Support.

Cost to Transport i.e. damage to vehicle is £30k.

Cost for Operational Catering i.e. providing meals to officer held at Ardoyne is £68k.

Please note that our IT systems do not allow us to easily and readily extract accurate information of this nature so all figures provided are estimates.

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](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

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