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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-01530

**Keyword:** Finance

**Subject:** Blackberry Mobile Phones

### 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 can you detail the number of Blackberry mobile phones distributed to PSNI officers?

### Answer

In the financial year ending March 2011 the PSNI plan to distribute 2100 BlackBerry devices to PSNI officers. In financial year ending March 2012 the PSNI plan to distribute an additional 2000 devices to PSNI officers, subject to the ongoing availability of funding. The BlackBerry devices include policing-specific functionality that supports PSNI officers in carrying out their day-to-day duties. This functionality includes the ability to perform enquiries and data entry within a high security regime.

### Question 2

Please can you detail the cost to the taxpayer of this exercise?

### Answer

The projected costs over a 5 year period are £14,190,539. The following items are included within these costs;

- Hardware, including the Core IT Infrastructure for hosting the mobility solution
- BlackBerry Enterprise Server Software & Hardware
- Handsets & bundled airtime provision for 5 years usage
- Software, including:-
  - Policing Applications
  - Application Support and Maintenance for 5 years
- Licensing, including proprietary licenses for commercial off the shelf software products
- Project Staff and Resources
- Integration to existing line of business applications
- Sundries, including protective cases
- Blended Training (e.g. Computer Based Training, Proficiency testing and Class Room training)

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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).

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.

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