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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-3323

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Bonuses Paid to Police Officers for the Past Five Years

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 questions are as follows:

Question 1

I would like to use the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to find out how much money the force has spent on bonuses for its rank and file police officers (from constables to superintendents) for the past five years.

Please give a breakdown of these payments for each the past full five financial years (or as many years as possible if five years is impossible)

Please provide a breakdown of how much was paid in special priority payments.

Answer

2010/2011 = To be paid in December 2010, figure not available yet.

2009/2010 = £3,430,637.33

2008/2009 = £3,875,301.94

2007/2008 = £4,614,084.39

2006/2007 = figures not available

Question 2

Please provide a breakdown of how much was paid in competency related threshold payments.

2010/2011 = £1,816,230.58 (up to 31 October 2010)

2009/2010 = £3,094,466.37

2008/2009 = £3,039,698.59

2007/2008 = £3,127,708.16

2006/2007 = figures not available

Please note the above figures cannot be broken down by rank as PSNI Finance Branch only hold the figures as year to date totals based on the allowance.

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.

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