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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-00032

Keyword: Finance

Subject: COSTS INCURRED OF ALL SPECIAL CONSTABULARY POLICE OFFICERS

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

I am seeking to obtain information pertaining to any and all costs incurred on the part of your police force in the training, deployment and continued support of all Special Constabulary police officers ("Specials") under your employment throughout the last three calendar years.

Question 2

Specifically, I seek to ascertain both the sum total of any costs incurred annually in relation to Special Constabulary police officers and as full a break-down of those costs as possible, with expenditure divided into relevant categories (training, equipment, fuel and other expense claims filed by Special Constabulary police officers and so on).

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. The Police Service of Northern Ireland does not recruit Special Constables.

Please see the attached section of our website which may be of interest to you:-

[http://www.psni.police.uk/index/about-us/publications/publications-by-category/who we are and what we do/special constable and civilian volunteers.htm](http://www.psni.police.uk/index/about-us/publications/publications-by-category/who_we_are_and_what_we_do/special_constable_and_civilian_volunteers.htm)

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