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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-01916

Keyword: Finance

Subject: 52 Individual Costs Over The Last Financial Year

Request and Answer:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 14 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the decision has been taken to refuse your request as it has been deemed a 'Vexatious Request'. Section 14 (1) of the Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the request is vexatious.

While Placing a general duty on public authorities to give access to official information the Act also provides an exception to that duty for requests which are vexatious. These provisions are necessary to prevent abuse of the right to know.

Accordingly, your request has been deemed vexatious as it does not appear to be a genuine endeavour to access information, but rather to disrupt the work of the Police Service of Northern Ireland. It would impose a significant burden on the organisation and threatens to damage the purpose and reputation of the Freedom of Information Act.

If you have any queries regarding your request please write or contact the Freedom of Information Team on 028 9070 0164. Please remember to quote the reference number listed above in any future communications with the Freedom of Information Team.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

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