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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-00348

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Officers Expenses - 2009

Request and Answer:

Question

I would like copies of the credit card statements for police credit cards used by every officer above and including the rank of Superintendent for every month of last year, 2009.

In each case please name the person who uses the credit card.

Answer

Your request for information has now been considered and I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states the fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The following exemption has been applied:

Section 21 - Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means

The information you have requested is available from the Police Service of Northern Ireland's Publication Scheme. Chief Officer's Expenses can be accessed by using the following link:

[http://www.psni.police.uk/index/about-us/publications/publications-by-category/what we spend and how we spend it/chief-officers-expenses.htm](http://www.psni.police.uk/index/about-us/publications/publications-by-category/what_we_spend_and_how_we_spend_it/chief-officers-expenses.htm)

The Freedom of Information Act provides a right to request information rather than documents. The PSNI actively publish our Chief Officers' expenses on our Publication Scheme in order to satisfy the public interest in this area and credit card transactions are included within this information.

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 email.

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.psnipolice.uk

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