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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-03513  
**Keyword:** Finance  
**Subject:** Policing of Parades Costs

### 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

A press release issued by the Policing Board on November 8th with a subject line of parades Update for Board provided financial information supplied by the PSNI - A spend figure of £2,203,000 was incurred over a four day period covering 11-14 July 2010 in respect of policing of parades.

Can you confirm or provide the following information:

Of the figure of £2.203m how much was attributed to the Ardoyne area?

### Answer

Of the £2.203m quoted, **£478,000** is attributed to the Ardoyne area in respect of policing parades on 12 July 2010.

### Question 2

Of that figure can you please confirm how much it cost to police the movement of the parade from Woodvale Parade to the Orange Hall at Ligoniel.

### Answer

The cost of policing this parade has not been broken down to the level of detail required to answer this question. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

### Question 3

Of those arrested and charged with offences in relation to the disturbances at Ardoyne over the period detailed above can you please confirm:

- a) How many in total were charged?
- b) What offences were they charged with?

- c) How many of those charged had addresses outside the Ardoyne area?
- d) How many of those charged have been dealt with by the courts.

**Answer**

- a) 30 people were charged, (a further 37 dealt with by way of summons)
- b) A variety of offences including attempted murder, riotous assembly, hijacking, possession of petrol bombs, criminal damage.
- c) In relation to charges; of the 30 charged, 15 came from Ardoyne area. Of all those being brought before the court 35 came from the Ardoyne area (BT14 7xx postcode) and 32 came from outside.
- d) As of the date of this request, none have been finalised.

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.

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