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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-00298
Keyword: Finance
Subject: Questions about the PSNI Payroll Service

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

Could you please supply me with the following information:

The structure of your Payroll section, including:

Job Title;
Number of full time equivalent (FTE) staff in each post;
Salary range of the post.

Answer

The structure of the Payroll Section is as follows;

Civilian Payroll –
Payroll Manager x 1 - £30,142 - £38,893
Branch Manager x 1 - £24,089 - £30,520
Senior Supervisor x 1 - ££20,801- £26,086
Supervisor x 2.75 - £17,666 - £21,132
Payroll Admin Officers x 6 - £14,890 - £17,099
Payroll Admin Assistant x 1 - £13,130 - £14,420

Question 2

Could you also please supply details of the number of Police Officers paid (headcount and FTE if possible), and the number of Police Staff paid (headcount and FTE if possible). Please state the relevant date at which this information was taken i.e. 31 December 2009.

Answer

The number of police staff of the Police Service of Northern Ireland payroll at 31/01/10 was 2517. The number of police officers on the payroll at 31/01/2010 was 8172.

In relation to the Full Time Equivalent figure, the Police Service of Northern Ireland has decided to exempt the information requested under the provisions of Section 21 – Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means. The information requested can be obtained from the PSNI publication scheme using the attached link. The link provides the strength of Police Service Statistics and figures shown are Full time equivalent.

http://www.psni.police.uk/index/updates/updates_statistics/updates_strength_of_police_service_statistics.htm

Question 3

Could you also please state if the payroll is administered:

Totally in-house;
Totally outsourced;
Combination of above (please give brief details).

Answer

The Payroll is administered totally in house.

Question 4

Does your Force have a combined Payroll/Pensions service or are they administered separately?

Answer

The Payroll/Pensions service is administered separately for police staff and combined for police officers.

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