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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-02902

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Police Overtime

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

How much has been paid out in police overtime so far this year from January 1 2010 to October 10 2010?

Answer

Finance Branch can only provide figures for full months and by fiscal year (beginning of April to end of March, the following year). From April 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010 Police overtime amounted to £25,095,294.32.

Question 2

Please state the main reason for this for example policing the dissident threat?

Answer

The main reason for the year to date expenditure of £25,095,294.32 is overtime expenditure incurred in combatting terrorism.

Question 3

If it is more than one reason please put top three reasons in order for example dissident threat, parades, day to day policing?

Answer

The top three reasons in order, for police overtime expenditure calendar year to date 2010 are as follows:

- combatting terrorism
- maintaining resource levels
- policing operations

Question 4

How much was paid out in police overtime last year from January 1 2009 to December 31 2009?

Answer

Finance Branch can only provide figures by fiscal year (beginning of April to end of March, the following year). From April 1, 2009 to 31 March, 2010 Police overtime amounted to £44,001,472.18.

Question 5

Please state the main reason for this or the top three reasons as outlined in questions two and three.

Answer

The three main reasons for the overtime expenditure incurred in 2009 are the same as those outlined above for the calendar year to date expenditure in 2010.

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