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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-03200

**Keyword:** Finance

**Subject:** Costs and Decisions of Rioting in Rathcoole Area

### 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 and the answer to your questions are as follows:

#### Question 1

Could you provide a full breakdown of the cost to the PSNI of policing the disturbances in Rathcoole?

#### Answer

Please see table below.

#### Summary of Costs of Policing Rathcoole Disorder 26th October to 29th October 2010

Estimated Costs (£)			
Duty Time	Overtime	Other eg repairs to vehicles, catering.	Total
39,797	24,288	14,825	78,910

#### Question 2

Was there a decision taken beforehand not to make any arrests at the scene of the disturbances?

#### Answer

No a decision was not taken beforehand not to make any arrests.

#### Question 3

Can the PSNI confirm that water cannon was not deployed in the area?

#### Answer

The water cannon was not deployed albeit it was authorised and on standby should the need require it.

**Question 4**

What is the process for deciding when water cannon should be deployed in public disturbances?

**Answer**

These processes are outlined in Policy Directive 07/07. This Policy Directive can be found by clicking on the following link:

[http://www.psni.police.uk/policy\\_directive\\_0707.pdf](http://www.psni.police.uk/policy_directive_0707.pdf).

**Question 5**

Were there officers trained in the deployment of Attenuating Energy Projectile (AEP) weapons in the Rathcoole area during the disturbances?

**Answer**

Yes officers trained in the deployment of AEP weapons were in attendance.

**Question 6**

Did the PSNI make any decision beforehand that AEP would not be deployed in dealing with the disturbance?

**Answer**

No a decision was not made beforehand, it will always be considered as part of the Tactical Options available during public disorder.

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