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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-00653

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: OSPRE Part 1 and Part 2 Examinations

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.

Question 1

What were the total costs incurred, for P.S.N.I to facilitate the OSPRE part 1 and part 2 promotion exams for Sergeant and Inspector in 2007 and 2008 (costs to include advertising, hire of venues, travel expenses, overtime, registration fees. etc).

Answer

The total costs incurred were £254,900 per annum which includes both Sergeant & Inspector OSPRE processes. The information relating to overtime and travel expenses incurred for officers participating in the process is not included in this figure. These costs are not recorded corporately but would be held at district level by the individual officers.

Question 2

Of those candidates who passed the part 2 Inspectors promotion exam in September 2007 how many have been promoted from the 2007 competition?

Answer

55 candidates have been promoted from the 2007 competition.

Question 3

When was the first candidate from the 2007 competition promoted?

Answer

The first candidate was promoted on 7th April 2008.

Question 4

Since 17th July 2008 how many candidates, who passed the part 2 Inspectors promotion exam in September 2007 have since been promoted to Inspector?

Answer

15 candidates have since been promoted to Inspector. This figure includes four High Potential

Development Scheme candidates.

Question 5

How many candidates are currently on any selection list and are eligible for promotion to the rank of Inspector?

Answer

There are 94 Sergeants on the 2009 Sergeants to Inspector merit list.

Question 6

How many `acting Inspectors`, or temporary promoted Inspectors are there currently in the P.S.N.I.

Answer

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 it has been decided to refuse access to the information you have requested. Section 21 of the Act provides that information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means is exempt information.

The information you have requested is available from the Police Service of Northern Ireland's Publication Scheme. To access our Publication Scheme please visit our website at <http://www.psni.police.uk/index/about-us/publications.htm>

Information specific to Inspectors currently "acting up" can be found using the attached link; http://www.psni.police.uk/sergeants_and_inspectors.pdf

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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