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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-02019

Keyword: Complaints/Discipline

Subject: Promotions

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

I am aware since 2004 that the HR Department was fully aware that promotions for Constables to Sergeants and Sergeants to Inspectors would be over subscribed, however promotional processes continued to run until 2008.

How many Officers have undergone this process since 2004?

Answer

1114 officers have undertaken Part 11 OSPRE since 2004.

Question 2

At what cost was this to the PSNI?

Answer

The cost was approximately £250k per annum to run Part I and Part II OSPRE for Inspectors and Sergeants.

Question 3

How many officers have successfully completed the promotional processes outlined above?

Answer

788 have successfully completed the promotional process since 2004.

Question 4

How many officers came from the mainland on promotion to Sergeant and Inspector since 2004?

Answer

Since 2004, 2 officers came across on promotion to Inspector and 2 officers came across on promotion to Sergeant.

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