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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-03862

**Keyword:** Human Resources

**Subject:** Promotions to Inspector Rank

### 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 in questions 1 to 4 of your request. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

#### Question 1

How many sergeants are now (as of 09/12/2009) forecast to be promoted to Inspector up to 31/03/2011?

#### Answer

As at 9 12 09 it is estimated that 68 promotions to Inspector would be required by 31/3/11 if 7500 officer posts remain with the current rank ratios and there is 100% take up rate severance. If there is a reduction in Police Officers overall, then there will be less promotions to Inspector.

#### Question 2

When will there be a communication to officers affected by the new promotion regulations?

#### Answer

It is anticipated that there will be communication to those officers OSPRE qualified and the wider PSNI in early 2010.

#### Question 3

Will there be further briefing sessions as was promised during the April meetings?

#### Answer

Yes.

#### Question 4

If so, when are these briefings to be held?

#### Answer

They are planned for the first week in March 2010.

#### Question 5

Can I obtain copies of the minutes relating to official consultations surrounding the changes made to the Police Promotion Regulations?

**Answer**

I regret to inform you the Police Service of Northern Ireland have not been able to respond to your request within the statutory timescale. I would advise you that the amended date for a full response is February 1, 2010. I can assure you that every effort will be made to respond to your request in full within this new timescale. May I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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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