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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-02687

**Keyword:** Human Resources

**Subject:** PSNI Applicants

### 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

The total number of people who have applied to become a PSNI officer in each of the last five years.

Please provide me in respect of each year with a religious breakdown of the applicants i.e. how many applicants in each year were Catholics, Protestants, etc

### Answer

Please see the table below detailing the religious breakdown of applicants from 2006 to 2010.

Year	Protestant	Roman Catholic	Undetermined	Total
2010	5327	3360	300	8987
2009	5789	3749	287	9825
2008	4587	3514	262	8363
2007	3846	3286	286	7418
*2006	7579	5091	467	13137

\*Please note, there were two recruiting competitions in 2006, one in March and one in September, hence the higher number of applicants. The figure represents the total applicants that year. However, if an applicant applied to both competitions they were counted once as an applicant and twice for the figure for the total number of applications. Therefore, the total number of applications received was 15,593.

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.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.