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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-03108

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Transportation of Food Products

Request and Answer:

Question

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request details of all police escorts provided for road transportation of food products (eg the escort of peas from field to factory to help ensure they are frozen quickly).

Please include details of distances travelled and time taken for the escort, the number of officers and police vehicles involved, how frequently they occurred, the names of the companies that had requested the escort, the amount the escort cost the force or the amount the force received for providing the escort, and if known, what was being escorted.

Please provide these details for the past three years.

Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided, ie., there are no records of the PSNI having escorted food products. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psnj.police.uk

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