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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-00421

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Policing Of Glentoran And Linfield Football Matches

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 and the answers to your questions are as follows.

Question 1

State the cost of policing Irish League football matches involving Glentoran FC (i.e. home games at their own stadiums) during either 2009 or the 2008/09 football season (August 2008 to May 2009). If possible, could you provide a match-by-match breakdown and a (total) comparison figure for the previous 12-month period.

Question 2

State the cost of policing Irish League football matches involving Linfield FC (i.e. home games at their own stadiums) during either 2009 or the 2008/09 football season (August 2008 to May 2009). If possible, could you provide a match-by-match breakdown and a (total) comparison figure for the previous 12-month period.

Answer

The table below illustrates the costings for the 2008/09 season

FIXTURE	DATE	COST
Linfield v Cliftonville	16.08.08	£2,700.90
Linfield v Glentoran	26.12.08	£2,700.90
Linfield v Cliftonville	13.01.09	£2,700.90
Linfield v Glentoran	16.03.09	£2,700.90
Linfield v Cliftonville	18.04.09	£2,700.90
Glentoran v Cliftonville	30.08.08	£2,728.65
Glentoran v Linfield	04.10.08	£2,728.65
Glentoran v Linfield	04.03.09	£2,728.65
Glentoran v Cliftonville	07.03.09	£2,728.65
Glentoran v Linfield	10.04.09	£2,728.65
Glentoran v Cliftonville	02.05.09	£2,728.65

The police resources for each match during the previous season would be the same therefore the costings would be similar.

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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