



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F2011 02954

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Cost of Dissident Threat in Fermanagh

Request and Answer:

Question

How much has the PSNI spent on combating the 'Dissident Republican' threat in Fermanagh DCU in the last year- (Dates- September 1st 2010- September 2011), broken down by Police overtime and helicopter costs?

Answer

Enquiries have been carried out and I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

However, I can provide the following information that may be of some assistance to you.

PSNI do not record the specific spend on overtime combating the "Dissident Republican" threat in Fermanagh DCU known as F District. There is no single database to recover such overtime costs and the helicopter costs are also not recorded in the manner you have requested.

You are also asked to note that there is no requirement under the Act to create such information.

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.

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