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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F 2011 01052

Keyword: Crime

Subject: DNA

Request and Answer:

Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) Philip Davies MP would like to request the following information from the Police Service of Northern Ireland:

Question 1

How many DNA samples have been submitted to the NDNAD in each of the last three years?

Question 2

What is your policy on deciding which DNA samples are put on the NDNAD?

Question 3

How many DNA samples have been taken in each of the last three years?

Question 4

How many profiles from crimes scenes have been investigated in each of the last three years?

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you.

Answer 1

The first two figures reflect 1st April to 31st March:

2008/2009 - Total samples 20679

2009/2010 - Total samples 11610

The figure below reflects 1st April 2010 to 30th December 2010:

Total samples 10175

Answer 2

All DNA samples taken under PACE are uploaded to the NDNAD unless they are duplicates.

Answer 3

There are no records held as to how many samples are taken in any given year as not all samples are submitted for analysis e.g. a sample is taken and part way through the questioning of the detained person they confess. The Investigating Officer may therefore not forward the sample for processing.

However, you may be interested to note the following.

The figures below reflect 1st April to 31st March:

Period	Total subject samples submitted for processing
2008/2009	15243
2009/2010	14439
2010/2011	12479

Answer 4

For the purpose of this request, the figures below, have been taken as **investigated** to mean **analysed**. Again the yearly figures below reflect 1st April to 31st March:

Period	Total crime stains analysed
2008/2009	7518
2009/2010	6723
2010/2011	5369

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact 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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