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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F 2011 00933
Keyword: Crime
Subject: Human Trafficking

Request and Answer:

REF - Statement from David Ford, Minister for Justice 23/3/11

"..... to date there have been 20 cases of human trafficking in 2010/11 and there are a number of charges for human trafficking offences going through the criminal justice system....."

Question 1

Of these cases and the victims identified, what is the breakdown for victims trafficked for the purposes of

- *forced labour?
- *sexual exploitation?
- *domestic servitude exploitation?
- *Other?

Please note - this information was requested from the PSNI press team. It was declined. This is extremely difficult to understand given that a breakdown of similar information has been made available about previous cases.

Question 2

Therefore, could you also let me know if

- *there has been a change of policy on this,
- *who instigated
- *and on what basis

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

forced labour - 5
sexual exploitation - 18
domestic servitude exploitation - 0
Other – 0

Answer 2

There has been no change of policy. Therefore, in relation to who instigated and on what basis this is not applicable.

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