



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2011-03559

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Letter - PSNI to SoS & MOU with Security Service

### Request and Answer:

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information.

#### Question 1

Letter of 10th October 2007 from PSNI Chief Constable Sir Hugh Orde to Secretary of State for Northern Ireland Shaun Woodward confirming that the PSNI relinquished responsibility for national security in Northern Ireland to the Security Service.

#### Answer 1

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information however this search failed to locate the document relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

#### Question 2

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Security Service and the PSNI.

#### Answer 2

I have decided to fully exempt information in response to question 2 pursuant to the provisions of Section 23(1) of the Act.

Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states that fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

Section 23 (1) Information supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters.

This information is exempt under S23 (1) as it relates to the Security Service, one of the bodies listed

at section 23(3) of the Act.

Section 23 is an absolute exemption and does not require the public interest to be considered.

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.

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](mailto: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.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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