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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F 2011 00973
Keyword: Crime
Subject: Photography costs

Request and Answer:

I would like to make a Freedom of Information request for the following information for period 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010.

Question 1

What quantity of photographs did the PSNI have developed onto photographic paper?

Question 2

How much did this cost the PSNI?

Question 3

For whom and what purpose were the photographs produced (broken down into approximate numbers or percentages for each person/body or purpose)

Question 4

Who are printing the photographs onto photographic paper at present and where geographically/address is this task being carried out.

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

It is estimated that PSNI produce approximately 353,000 prints per year.

Answer 2

The approximate cost was £150k a year on printing. This included associated costs for all consumables, machine maintenance, servicing etc.

Answer 3

These photographs were produced mainly for Investigating Officers, Legal - for courts, PPS, Defence etc and Civil Cases - for private solicitors. The purpose is Law Enforcement and the general duties of Police.

Answer 4

Staff currently print the photographs from three PSNI locations, Belfast, Londonderry and Lurgan.

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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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.

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