



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-02904

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Chief Officers' Bonuses

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered and I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

Question 1

How much was paid in bonuses to your chief officers (i.e. Chief, Deputy and Assistants) in the financial year 2010/2011?

Can you please make it clear as to whether these bonuses related to the year 2010/2011 or were delayed payments for previous years?

Question 2

Are your chief officers due to receive any bonus payments in 2011/2012? If so, how much and, again, can you please make it clear as to whether these are delayed payments for previous years?

Answer

Section 17 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 the applicant with a notice which:

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

The following exemption has been applied:

Section 21 - Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means

The information you have requested was released previously by FOI and can be accessed via the PSNI website using the link provided below:

http://www.psni.police.uk/police_bonuses-2.pdf

Northern Ireland Policing Board inform PSNI of the amounts of bonuses and how each are

calculated, but the period and or reasons for the bonus are not disclosed.

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 email.

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.

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

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