



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2011-03144

**Keyword:** Finance

**Subject:** Chief Officers Pay

### 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

It's time for the annual police pay and bonuses survey. Please help me make this as quick and painless as possible. Please could you tell me the following information as succinctly as you can.

Who was your Chief Constable/Commissioner and how much was he/she paid in the financial year 2010/2011?

Example answer: Our Chief Constable was John Smith and he was paid £100,000, with an extra £20,000 pension contribution.

### Question 2

Was your chief constable/commissioner paid a bonus in this period?

Example answers: No. Or: Yes, he was paid £10,000 for meeting all his crime reduction targets.

### Question 3

Did any other members of your ACPO ranked team (officers of Assistant Chief Constable/Commander or above) receive a bonus? If so, who are they, what rank, how much did they receive and why?

I am aware that some police authorities have published details of chief officer pay, remuneration and bonuses as part of their annual report. See pages 30 onwards of the Met's draft accounts here for an example:

[http://www.mpa.gov.uk/downloads/publications/accounts/2010-11.pdf?bcsi\\_scan\\_6BDE16B5925DEBDF=0&bcsi\\_scan\\_filename=2010-11.pdf](http://www.mpa.gov.uk/downloads/publications/accounts/2010-11.pdf?bcsi_scan_6BDE16B5925DEBDF=0&bcsi_scan_filename=2010-11.pdf)

If you have done this I am more than happy to receive a link to the relevant document as a response to this FOI if it includes all the details outlined in the questions above.

I have searched a sample of police authority websites and have not found them easy to locate.

### **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

### **Answer 1**

The information you have requested is available from the Police Service of Northern Ireland's internet site and can be accessed using the following link, the information is contained in Page 18:

[http://www.psni.police.uk/psni\\_afs\\_2010\\_11\\_2.pdf](http://www.psni.police.uk/psni_afs_2010_11_2.pdf)

### **Answer 2**

The information you have requested is available from the Police Service of Northern Ireland's Publication Scheme and can be accessed using the following link:

[http://www.psni.police.uk/bonus\\_chief\\_constable.pdf](http://www.psni.police.uk/bonus_chief_constable.pdf)

### **Answer 3**

The PSNI do not hold information regarding bonus payments paid to ACPO ranks the authority for payments to these ranks is the responsibility of the Northern Ireland Policing Board. A request can be made to their Freedom of Information Office. I have provided a link to the website:

<http://www.nipolicingboard.org.uk/index/freedom-of-information.htm>

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](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.