



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-01287

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Compensation Paid to Victims of Road Traffic Accidents

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Question 1

How much compensation has been paid out to victims of road traffic accidents involving the PSNI in the last five years, for which such figures are currently available in terms of the general public?

Answer

Compensation paid to members of the public who were injured in a collision involving a PSNI vehicle is paid by the PSNI's insurance company and handled by a claims management company on behalf of the insurance company. I have therefore determined that the requested information is not held by the PSNI.

Question 2

How much compensation has been paid out to victims of road traffic accidents involving the PSNI in the last five years, for which such figures are currently available in terms of the PSNI?

Answer

The Police Service of Northern Ireland's Legal Services Branch hold details of claims lodged by police officers injured as a result of being a passenger in a road traffic collision. Information is held for financial years 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11. Details are provided below:

Year	Amount
2006/07	£491,252
2007/08	£86,050
2008/09	£587,631

2009/10 £114,633

2010/11 £651,945

Details of claims lodged by police drivers are held by the PSNI's insurance company and handled by a claims management company on behalf of the insurance company. I have therefore determined that this part of the requested information is not held by the PSNI.

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.

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.