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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2011-00006  
**Keyword:** Finance  
**Subject:** Close Protection Unit Costs

### 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.

#### Question 1

I request the total operating costs of the PSNI's Close Protection Unit from 1st January 2010 until 31st December 2010.

#### Answer

From 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010 the total operating cost for the Close Protection Unit was £10,711,677.00.

#### Question 2

I request total annual operating costs for the PSNI's Close Protection Unit for 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

#### Answer

Your request for information in relation to question 2 has been considered and I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

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 in a previous response and is available from the

Police Service of Northern Ireland's Publication Scheme via the website link provided below:

[http://www.psni.police.uk/clost\\_protection\\_unit\\_vip\\_security.pdf](http://www.psni.police.uk/clost_protection_unit_vip_security.pdf)

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.