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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2011-00246

**Keyword:** Finance

**Subject:** Flights For Family Members of Sir Hugh Orde

### Request and Answer:

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information.

### Question 1

Please could you provide me with the following information:

How many flights were booked and paid for by the PSNI for family members of Sir Hugh Orde as agreed in the terms of his contract of employment between October 2004 and April 2007?

### Answer

Please see table below.

### Question 2

For each of these flights please state (i) the arrival and departure airports, (ii) the cost of the flights and (iii) the traveller's family relationship to Sir Hugh Orde.

### Answer

- (i) Please see table below.
- (ii) Please see table below.
- (iii) All flights were taken by Sir Hugh Orde's wife and his son.

### Question 3

In October 2007 how much money was reimbursed to PSNI by Sir Hugh Orde for the above mentioned flights?

### Answer

In October 2007 £5,673 was reimbursed to PSNI by Sir Hugh Orde for flights, including the above mentioned flights.

### Question 4

Any correspondence sent by PSNI to Sir Hugh Orde after April 2007 in which a change to the provisions of the flight arrangements for his family was mentioned.

## **Answer**

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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.psnipolice.uk](http://www.psnipolice.uk)

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

**Freedom of Information Request F-2011-00246 Questions 1 and 2(i)-(ii). Number of Flights, Airports and Cost.**

| Date                                  |          | Airport         |                 | Passenger   |                  |           |                  | Total Cost        |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------|
| Outward                               | Return   | From            | To              | One         | Cost             | Two       | Cost             |                   |
| 3.10.04                               | 8.10.04  | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 2           | £283.80          | 2         | £283.80          | £567.60           |
| 1.11.04                               | 4.11.04  | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 2           | £283.80          | 2         | £283.80          | £567.60           |
| 15.11.04                              | 21.11.04 | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 2           | £283.80          | 2         | £283.80          | £567.60           |
| 15.12.04                              |          | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 1           | £154.20          | 1         | £154.20          | £308.40           |
| 8.1.05                                | 16.1.05  | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 2           | £286.80          | 2         | £286.80          | £573.60           |
| 28.2.05                               | 6.3.05   | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 2           | £286.80          |           |                  | £286.80           |
| 28.2.05                               |          | Dublin          | London Heathrow |             |                  | 1         | £303.70          | £303.70           |
| 6.3.05                                |          | London Heathrow | Belfast City    |             |                  | 1         |                  | £0.00             |
| 17.3.05                               | 29.3.05  | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 2           | £286.80          | 2         | £286.80          | £573.60           |
| 13.4.05                               | 26.4.05  | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 2           | £290.80          | 2         | £290.80          | £581.60           |
| 23.5.05                               | 1.6.05   | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 2           | £290.80          |           |                  | £290.80           |
| 25.5.05                               | 30.5.05  | Belfast City    | London Heathrow |             |                  | 2         | £290.80          | £290.80           |
| 20.6.05                               | 26.6.05  | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 2           | £290.80          |           |                  | £290.80           |
| 22.6.05                               | 26.6.05  | Belfast City    | London Heathrow |             |                  | 2         | £290.80          | £290.80           |
| 12.7.05                               | 31.7.05  | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 2           | £290.80          | 2         | £290.80          | £581.60           |
| 20.8.05                               |          | Belfast City    | London Heathrow |             |                  | 2         | £294.80          | £294.80           |
| 16.9.05                               | 18.9.05  | London Heathrow | Dublin          | 2           | £286.80          | 2         | £286.80          | £573.60           |
| 25.10.05                              | 13.11.05 | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 2           | £295.70          |           |                  | £295.70           |
| 2.1.06                                | 13.1.06  | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 2           | £311.70          |           |                  | £311.70           |
| 2.1.06                                | 7.1.06   | Belfast City    | London Heathrow |             |                  | 2         | £311.70          | £311.70           |
| 1.2.06                                | 12.2.06  | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 2           | £296.80          |           |                  | £296.80           |
| 12.2.06                               |          | London Heathrow | Belfast City    |             |                  | 1         | £150.00          | £150.00           |
| 13.3.06                               | 31.3.06  | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 2           | £312.80          |           |                  | £312.80           |
| 13.4.06                               | 27.4.06  | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 2           | £313.40          |           |                  | £313.40           |
| 16.5.06                               | 3.6.06   | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 2           | £313.40          |           |                  | £313.40           |
| 30.6.06                               | 20.7.06  | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 2           | £296.80          |           |                  | £296.80           |
| 16.8.06                               |          | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 1           | £159.00          |           |                  | £159.00           |
| 4.9.06                                |          | London Heathrow | Belfast City    | 1           | £153.00          |           |                  | £153.00           |
| 3.10.06                               | 23.10.06 | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 2           | £328.40          |           |                  | £328.40           |
| 6.12.06                               | 11.12.06 | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 2           | £297.40          |           |                  | £297.40           |
| 3.1.07                                | 14.1.07  | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 2           | £297.40          |           |                  | £297.40           |
| 2.2.07                                | 5.2.07   | Belfast City    | London Heathrow | 2           | £307.40          |           |                  | £307.40           |
| <b>SUM OF RETURN FLIGHTS*</b>         |          |                 |                 | <b>23.5</b> |                  | <b>14</b> |                  |                   |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL OF RETURN FLIGHTS*</b> |          |                 |                 |             | <b>37.5</b>      |           |                  |                   |
| <b>TOTAL COSTS</b>                    |          |                 |                 |             | <b>£6,999.20</b> |           | <b>£4,089.40</b> | <b>£11,088.60</b> |

\*1 Return flight equals 2 flights per passenger