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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-00308

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Flights for Sir Hugh Orde's Family Paid For By PSNI

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

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

The full details of the agreed contractual arrangement that permitted Sir Hugh Orde to avail of flights for his family paid for by the PSNI.

Answer

The agreed contractual arrangement that permitted Sir Hugh Orde to avail of flights for his family paid for by the PSNI is as follows; "during the first 12 months following appointment, the Chief Constable shall be entitled to two return business class flights per month (or a total of 24 in the year) from London to Belfast for use by his immediate family. The Board will meet any tax liabilities. The provision will be reviewed at the end of twelve months"

Question 2

The total amount of money refunded by Sir Hugh Orde for PSNI paid flights availed of by his family members from October 2004 to April 2007.

Answer

The total amount of money refunded by Sir Hugh Orde for PSNI paid flights availed of by his family members from October 2004 to April 2007 is £5,673.00

Question 3

The cost in each year from 2002 to 2009 of flights paid for by the PSNI for Sir Hugh Orde's family.

Answer

The cost in each year from 2002 to 2009 of flights paid for by the PSNI for Sir Hugh Orde's family is;
2002 - £2,388.20
2003 - £8,564.90

2004 - £8,159.20
2005 - £5,228.20
2006 - £3,244.40
2007 - £604.80
2008 - Nil
2009 - Nil

Question 4

A list of destinations travelled in each year from 2002 to 2009 by Sir Hugh Orde's family members on flights paid for by the PSNI.

Answer

The destinations travelled in each year from 2002 to 2009 by Sir Hugh Orde's family members on flights paid for by the PSNI are;

2002 - Gatwick, Belfast City, Dublin.
2003 - Heathrow, Belfast City, Dublin.
2004 - Heathrow, Belfast City, Dublin.
2005 - Heathrow, Belfast City, Dublin.
2006 - Heathrow, Belfast City.
2007 - Heathrow, Belfast City.
2008 - None.
2009 - None.

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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