



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-02654

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Police overtime bill for June - July 2010 & 2011

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

Police overtime bill for June and July 2011.

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Could I have the time overtime bill for officers for June and July 2010:

Answer

Please find the responses provided in the table below:

Police Overtime Pay Bill June & July 10 & June & July 11

Period	Financial Year	Financial Year
	2010/11	2011/12
	£k	£k
June	3,286	4,044
July	5,277	5,760
Total	8,563	9,804

Question

Please state main reason for overtime payments to officers ie dealing with dissident threat, public disorder?

Answer

This would not be considered a valid question under the Section 8(1)(c) of the Act as it does not ask for recorded information.

For your information I can advise that overtime rules are set out in Section 24 of the Police regulations, which can be accessed using the following link;
http://www.nio.gov.uk/police_service_of_northern_ireland_regulations_conditions_for_regular_psn_i_officers.pdf

and annex E of the associated determinations (link below). These are the same criteria as applied for payment of overtime to all regular police officers in PSNI.

http://www.nio.gov.uk/determinations_associated_with_the_police_service_of_northern_ireland_regulations_2005.pdf

The context of decisions as to when overtime is applied for will differ across the Service as it depends on available resources, notice given and hours undertaken in the particular week/day for each officer concerned.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland is firmly committed to working to reduce overtime within the main grant budget.

The PSNI will continue to ensure that in protecting all communities across Northern Ireland it makes the most effective and efficient use of the overall budget.

It is expected that the implementation of the recommendations in the Winsor report will lead to further reductions in overtime expenditure in the current 4 year Comprehensive Spending Review period.

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.