



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-02027

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Referrals/Annual Income from Potential Injury Claimants

Request and Answer:

Question 1

The number of referrals by your police force to Claims Management Companies/Claims Handlers/Personal Injury Solicitors of the contact details of potential injury claimants per year for financial years 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

Question 2

The annual income received by your force from Claims Management/Claims Handlers/Personal Injury Solicitors for the referral of the contact details of potential injury claimants per year for financial years 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

Question 3

The number of referrals by your police force to Vehicle Recovery Companies for which income was received per year for financial years 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

Question 4

The annual income received by your police force from the Vehicle Recovery Companies for the referral of those involved in accidents per year for financial years 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

Answer

Searches were conducted by Legal Services Branch, Roads Policing, Finance and Operational Support Department; however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. I can advise you that PSNI do not make any referrals or receive any income from Claims Management Companies, Claims Handlers, Vehicle Recovery Companies or Personal Injury Solicitors.

Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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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