



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-02330

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Officers who were dismissed or required to resign 2002- 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

How many officers in the 5 years from 2002 -2007 were dismissed or required to resign from the service?

Answer

In the years 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 (five years) twenty-nine officers were dismissed or required to resign from the PSNI.

Question

How many officers in the years from 2007 -2011 were dismissed or required to resign from the service?

Answer

In the years 2007, 2008, 2010, and 2011 (as at 1st July 2011) forty-five officers were dismissed or required to resign from the PSNI.

This information has been compiled by the PSNI's Professional Standards Department which has responsibility for internal discipline relating to police officers. The details requested are not recorded centrally and were obtained from the interrogation of a number of databases and the manual examination of files. Therefore the information extracted in this manner may not be as accurate as that extracted from a single central database.

Whilst the PSNI takes extremely seriously any allegation of wrongdoing, the number of cases must be put into context of the overall size of the PSNI of just over 13,000 officers in 2002 to just under 8,000 officers in 2011.

The United Kingdom Police Services do not use generic systems to capture information and for this reason PSNI's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any

other Police Service.

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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