



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2011-01026

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** Body Armour Within The PSNI

### Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) has now completed its search for the information you requested and the answers to your questions are as follows.

### Question

How many pieces of body armour do the PSNI currently own and where are these pieces located around Northern Ireland.

### Clarification

Specifically I am inquiring about ballistic and stab proof vests which I am told are the only two types available to PSNI officers.

### Answer

The PSNI Procurement Branch have advised that as ballistic body armour covers more than personal issue they have included a breakdown of body armour supplied to each district.

Body Armour issued to date is as follows:

Dual Purpose (personal issue) – 9863

Body Armour is also issued to each district for use if and when required as directed by the Commander and the District breakdown is as follows:

A- 447  
B- 451  
C- 446  
D- 451  
E- 650  
F- 442  
G- 627  
H- 392

### Question

Are there currently any shortages and if so where are the shortages.

**Question**

Are there enough pieces of body armour for officers in Ardoyne, Lurgan, Bogside area of Derry, Ballymena, Omagh and Strabane?

**Answer**

Under Section 8(1)(c) of the Act a valid question is one which asks for recorded information and I do not believe this applies to your questions above.

Procurement Branch has however advised that presently they are not aware of any shortages.

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.

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