



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-02030

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Costs of the riots East Belfast 20 & 21 June, 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

Please can you provide details of the overall cost (including a detailed breakdown) to the taxpayer of policing the serious rioting in east Belfast (lower Newtownards Road/Short Strand) on Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 June, 2011?

Answer

At this early stage of the costings the figure for Monday, 20th June and Tuesday, 21st June, 2011, is £214,855. It should be noted that this is only a part estimate of the overall cost. The costs include duty time, overtime and other directly associated costs and they are broken down as follows:

Operational Support Department (Tactical Support Group, Water Canon, Roads Policing and Armed Response Units) - £120,623

District Policing - £43,435

Crime Operations (to include Air Support) - £20,325

Support from Other Departments - £5,472

Transport (damage to vehicles) - £25,000

Please note that these figures provided are only estimates at this stage and some of these costs are based upon the use of ready reckoners and as such cannot be taken as absolutely accurate, but indicative.

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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