



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2011-02025

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** Cost of East Belfast Riots 20 - 26 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 1

Please state how many officers were involved in policing the riots and disorder in the East Belfast area during the week of June 20-June 26 2011, and the total number of hours spent by officers policing the situation

### Answer

In total 1,278 officers spent 15,627 hours policing the riots and disorder in the East Belfast area during the week of June 20-June 26 2011.

### Question 2

Please provide the cost to the PSNI of policing these riots between the above dates.

### Answer

The estimate of the overall cost to the PSNI of policing these riots between the above dates is £336,231. The costs include duty time, overtime and other directly associated costs.

### Question 3

Please state all other costs incurred to the PSNI from this rioting and disorder (etc damage to vehicles). Please include a breakdown of each cost including the date, cost and description (e.g. damaged land rover - window smashed)

### Answer

The level of detail requested to include date, cost and description of vehicles damaged is currently not available from Transport Services, however the information available is provided below and at present are estimated costs:

District Policing - £137,249

Operational Support Department (Tactical Support Group, Water Canon, Roads Policing and Armed

Response Units) - £130,682  
Crime Operations (to include Air Support) - £20,325  
Support from Other Departments - £5,472  
Transport (damage to vehicles) - £36,000

**Please note that all the figures provided are only estimated costs at this stage.**

However the total cost will include all things such as salaries, overtime and other associated expenses such as fuel, vehicles and refreshments etc which are potentially not retrievable within FOI cost threshold.

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](mailto: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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