



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-01358

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Cars and Drivers for Personal Use

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.

Question 1

How much money has your police force spent in each of the last three years on:

- i) cars for the personal use of police personnel at rank of Superintendent or above.
- ii) drivers for the personal use of police personnel at rank of Superintendent or above.

Question 2

In the last three years what type of cars have been bought for the personal use of police personnel at rank of Superintendent or above.

Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. PSNI do not purchase vehicles or avail of driving services, for the personal use of officers. The PSNI have a fleet of vehicles and officers can avail of vehicles from within this fleet when required.

For your information Police officers are required to pass an advanced driving course and as such are then able to drive police personnel if and when required.

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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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.