



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-01869

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Accidents re the PSNI Air Support Unit

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. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Question 1

How many accidents have there been in the last two years involving the PSNI Air Support Unit?

Answer

The PSNI Air Support Unit has been involved in two accidents in the last two years.

Question 2

In relation to the above how many have involved damaged to aircrafts and the total cost of repairs?

Answer

The first accident, 28 October 2010, involved a helicopter that had been leased from a private company and was flown by their pilot. This helicopter was not owned by the PSNI therefore, PSNI has no knowledge of the cost of the repairs as this was met by the supplier of the leased helicopter.

In relation to the second accident on 11 July 2011, involving the PSNI Islander aircraft, the cost of repairs was £201,790.73.

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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