



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2012-02594

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Counterfeit Currency recovered by PSNI 2009-2012

### Request and Answer:

I would like to know the following information regarding the counterfeit currency your force has obtained:

#### Question 1

By currency type, how much counterfeit currency was recovered by the Police Service of Northern Ireland in each of the outlined years?

#### Question 2

Please respond with the value in the stated currency if possible. If this is impossible, please respond with the total number of units recovered.

#### Pounds Sterling

From 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010

From 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011

From 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012

#### Euro

From 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010

From 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011

From 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012

#### US Dollar

From 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010

From 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011

From 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012

The PSNI can neither confirm nor deny that it holds information relevant to the whole of your request by virtue of the following exemption:

#### Absolute Exemption

Section 23(5) Information supplied by, or concerning, certain security bodies

In relation to the above exemption, the duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1) (a) would involve the disclosure of any information (whether or not already recorded) which was directly or indirectly supplied to the public authority by, or relates to, any of the bodies specified in subsection (3) of 23(5). To give an explanation of why neither confirming nor denying is appropriate in this case would itself involve the disclosure of exempt information, therefore under Section 17 (4) no explanation can be given. This response should not be taken to indicate that the requested information does exist or does not exist.

As this is an absolute exemption and I am therefore not required to complete a public interest test.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psnipolice.uk](http://www.psnipolice.uk)

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