



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2012-02888

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Investigation into deaths in Londonderry on 30 January 1972

### **Request and Answer:**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I request the following information, which is all relevant to the recent announcement that the PSNI will carry out an investigation into the killings in Londonderry on 30 January 1972:

#### **Question 1**

To whom and with whom did the Chief Constable and his officers consult before making the decision (excluding current PSNI Officers);

#### **Answer**

The Public Prosecution Service was consulted before any decision to investigate was made.

#### **Question 2**

Did any consultation take place with the Director of Public Prosecutions or anyone from that office;

#### **Answer**

Yes.

#### **Question 3**

What was the input of the Department of Justice N.I. and by whom;

#### **Answer**

None.

#### **Question 4**

What was the input of the Executive of the N.I. Assembly Executive or any member or officer thereof:

#### **Answer**

None.

**Question 5**

What consultation The Chief Constable and his Officers had with the N.I. Police Board or any member or officer thereof;

**Answer**

None.

**Question 6**

What consultation The Chief Constable and his Officers had with the Police Ombudsman or any of the officials within that Office;

**Answer**

None.

**Question 7**

Whether there is any dedicated team investigating, say, the murder of Harold Sinnamon and others whose murders by the PIRA dating back to 1972 and subsequently remain unresolved.

**Answer**

The Historical Enquiries Team re examine all deaths attributable to the security situation in Northern Ireland between 1968 and the signing of the Belfast Agreement in April 1998. Where it is apparent that investigation work is required, which may lead to the initiation of criminal proceedings, HET will refer the case to C2 Serious Crime.

**Question 8**

How many 60 - 70 year olds have been charged with 40 year-old murders resolved by the PSNI since The Chief Constable assumed command of the Police in N.I.

**Answer**

None.

**Question 9**

What consideration of cost of a 30 Officer x 4-year enquiry was submitted by you; to whom and when?

**Answer**

Resourcing proposals were compiled by C2, Serious Crime Branch, Crime Operations in February 2012 and remain internally within the PSNI for consideration.

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