



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-01976

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Cost of the investigation into the Omagh Bomb

Request and Answer:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I write seeking the following information:

Question

The cost of the investigation into the Omagh Bomb 15th August 1998, from the date of the bombing until the present day.

Answer

The cost of the investigation into the Omagh Bomb is not recorded information held by the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI). Accordingly, I have determined that the PSNI does not hold the information to which you seek access.

The time officers spend conducting the investigation would be time incurred on their normal police duties. The other costs involved would be extensive i.e. Forensic evidence, Business Services (overtime, expenses, electricity, fuel etc) to name just a few. These costs have not been collated from 1998 to date.

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.