



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-01533

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Inspector's Allowance

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

Question 1

How many Inspectors receive the Inspectors Allowance?

Answer

221 Inspectors receive the Temporary Non-Pensionable Supplement.

Question 2

How many Substantive Inspectors are there in the PSNI?

Answer

As of April 17, 2012, there were 333 Substantive Inspectors in the PSNI.

Question 3

When did the Inspectors Allowance stop?

Answer

The Temporary Non-Pensionable Supplement ceased after the 15th May 2006.

Question 4

Why did the Inspectors Allowance stop?

Answer

The Temporary Non - Pensionable Supplement was stopped as the result of Police Negotiating Circular 05/14 dated 8th December 2005. The circular advised that agreement was reached on the ending of the payment of the Temporary Non-Pensionable Supplement for Inspectors and Chief Inspectors in the Police Service for Northern Ireland. A link is attached below:

<http://www.lge.gov.uk/lge/aio/53769>

Question 5

What credence was put on the law governing equal pay before the Inspectors Allowance by the service?

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. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

The ending of the payment of the Temporary Non-Pensionable Supplement was negotiated through the Police Negotiating Board who may be able to assist you further. Contact details for the Police Negotiating Board can be accessed using the following link:

http://www.ome.uk.com/Police_Negotiating_Board.aspx

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