



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-01016

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Received Revenue

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act, for the years 2006 to 2011 would you please fully disclose:

How much revenue has been received by the police force for services rendered by way of private investigations, bailiff/eviction type services, or by any other method of paid services, work performed, or contractual agreements made to business, private individuals, or organisations of any kind?

Question 2

Please outline the type of work or service rendered, in each case and disclose the revenue received for each type of service.

Question 3

How much revenue has been generated by the force for endorsements of any kind?

Question 4

Please indicate the types of products/services that the force endorsed for remuneration/financial benefit/fee and the revenue received.

Question 5

Please indicate total revenues from all sources, and break them down into categories.

Question 6

How many manpower hours per year, in total, have been devoted to privately paid services/contractual work?

Answer

Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate

limit) to provide you the applicant with a notice which states that fact.

It is estimated that the cost of complying with your request for information would exceed the "appropriate costs limit" under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which is currently set by the Secretary of State at £450 (18 hours).

The information requested is not held centrally and therefore all districts within PSNI were canvassed for their estimates to retrieve the information. One district alone, advised that the retrieval process would require examination of each transaction over the 6 year period to determine the type of service rendered. On average there would be approximately 66 transactions per year. Estimating 10 minutes to examine each of the transactions over 6 years would equate to approximately 66 hours. This estimate in addition to the other districts would greatly exceed the 18 hour cost limit.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter should be considered as a Refusal Notice, and the request has therefore been closed.

You may wish to submit a refined request in order that the cost of complying with your request may be facilitated within the 'appropriate limit'. In compliance with Section 16 of the Act, I have considered how your request may be refined to bring it under the appropriate limit. It may be possible to provide information from those districts which provided lesser estimates to retrieve the information.

Submission of a refined request would be treated as a new request, and considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, including consideration of relevant Part II exemptions.

You may find it useful to view the Consolidation Schedule providing details of private sponsorship. This information can be accessed via the PSNI website using the link provided below:

http://www.psni.police.uk/sponsorship_arrangements_business.pdf

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

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

confidentiality.