



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-02828

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: RUC Officers Serving in 1986

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How many RUC Officers serving in Northern Ireland in 1986 were Roman Catholic?

Question 2

What was the total number of Roman Catholic Recruits to the RUC in 1986?

Question 3

How many RUC Officers serving in Northern Ireland in 1986 were Protestants?

Question 4

What was the total number of Protestant Recruits to the RUC in 1986?

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. Human Resources has advised that the RUC commenced monitoring the community background of applicants and employees following the enactment of the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act 1989. No community background information was recorded prior to 1989.

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

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.

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