



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-03491

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: North Belfast Riots September 2 - 6, 2012

Request and Answer:

Question

I am writing in relation to violence in North Belfast on September 2/3/4. I wish to apply for a full disclosure of the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For guidance, my question relates to this, and the previous rioting in the area in recent days:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-19472086>

Please provide the following information:

Provide the estimated cost to the PSNI of policing the riots in each of the above areas.

Clarification was received to confirm that the information could be provided for costs of the disturbances in North Belfast from September 2 – 6, 2012 as to provide the information originally requested would be over the FOI cost threshold.

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.

The cost of policing Carlisle Circus /Clifton Street, Belfast for the period of September 2-6, 2012 was £553k.

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.