



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-00776

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Blackberry Smartphones

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

According to the PSNI 4,000 Blackberry Smartphone's have been given to frontline officers.

Total cost of the 4,000 Blackberry Smartphone's?

Question

Is there any restrictions placed on these Smartphone's i.e. to avoid misuse?

Answer

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide the applicant with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The following exemption has been applied:

Section 21 - Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means

The information you have requested is available from the Police Service of Northern Ireland's Publication Scheme and can be accessed using the following link:

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

Question

Have any been lost or stolen since their introduction - if so provide details?

Answer

In the financial years 2010/2011, there was a total of 11 Blackberry devices reported lost and in the

same period 1 Blackberry device was reported stolen.

In the financial years 2011/2012 (to date), there was a total of 83 Blackberry devices reported lost and in the same period 2 Blackberry devices were reported stolen.

The PSNI renders lost and stolen Blackberry devices inoperable.

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.