



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2012-02513

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** Compensation Claims

### 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

Can you detail how much the PSNI has paid out in compensation each year for the past five years to settle complaints over police actions?

### Question 2

Can you give a breakdown of what these civil actions and court award cases were (i.e. Hearing claims etc)?

### Answer

Please find the response to your questions providing the compensation PSNI has paid out for the financial years from 2007 – 2012 and the breakdown of the cases in the table below:

Year	AT	AW	TOTAL EXPENDITURE				PP	Hearing Loss	Total
			CP	CS	IT	PI			
07 / 08	5,436	315,704	59,918	1,040	231,446	533,069	6,701	2,296,250	3,449,564
08 / 09	0	311,578	64,997	829	69,972	1,134,588	7,223	3,872,250	5,461,437
09 / 10	16,178	384,184	61,469	2,065	97,503	543,873	4,130	5,977,586	7,086,988
10 / 11	34,816	228,128	86,255	890	146,100	1,068,176	1,350	13,264,094	14,829,809
11 / 12	49,805	170,351	162,870	779	321,861	2,172,652	6,120	17,877,300	20,761,738
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>106,235</b>	<b>1,409,945</b>	<b>435,509</b>	<b>5,603</b>	<b>866,882</b>	<b>5,452,358</b>	<b>25,524</b>	<b>43,287,480</b>	<b>51,589,536</b>

Please note the claims in the table above are categorised as follows:-

AT - Claims from members of the public in relation to damage to their property as a result of a controlled explosion

AW - Claims, generally from members of the public, in relation to allegations of assault, battery, false imprisonment, malicious prosecution or wrongful act

CP - Claims from members of the public in relation to damage to their property by police

CS - Claims from civilian support staff in relation to damage to their property

IT - Claims made to the Office of Industrial Tribunals and the Fair Employment Tribunal

PI - Claims in relation to personal injury

PP - Claims from police officers in relation to damage to their property

Hearing loss - Claims in relation to hearing loss

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](mailto: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](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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