



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-01061

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Designer of the vehicle

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

I have a supplemental question to the one placed regarding the designer of the vehicle.

Is PSNI satisfied, given that OVIK had no Land Rover Armoured vehicle design capability at the time it won the contract, that the design submitted came from OVIK and was not stolen from another supplier? I understand that OVIK was the only bidder to submit designs which I assume were signed? The IP mentioned resides with an individual not a Company, who is noted as ownership of this IP?

Answer

You have asked for an opinion to be expressed by the PSNI, however the FOI Act 2000 only covers 'recorded' information held by a Public Authority.

However I have been advised that the answer to your question is Police Service of Northern Ireland – as covered under PSNI Procurement Terms and Conditions – "The contractor hereby assigns to the **Department** all Intellectual Property Rights owned by the Contractor in any material which is generated by the Contractor and delivered to the Department in the performance of the Services and shall waive all moral rights relating to such material. The Contractor shall not reproduce, publish or supply any such material to any person other than the Department without prior approval."

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.