



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-00777

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Renovations at Portglenone and Broughshane Stations

Request and Answer:

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information.

I have today decided to:

- disclose information in response to Questions 1 and 2 in full and;
- disclose information in response to Question 3 subject to the deletion of information pursuant to the provisions of Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Question 1

The total cost of any building works, repair works and renovations for Portglenone and Broughshane PSNI stations (separately) since January 1, 2010.

Answer

The total cost of building works, repair works and renovations since January 1, 2010 is:

Portglenone: £166,283.71
Broughshane: £104,622.48

Question 2

The anticipated number (or any related documentation created since 1 January 2012 related to the number) of ancillary or other staff that will be laid off as a result of the proposed closure of both stations.

Answer

The Business Service Manager for H District has confirmed that no staff will be laid off as a result of the proposed closure of both stations.

Question 3

Any documentation created since 1 January 2012 regarding the costs of closing both stations, such as security and decommissioning of the facilities.

Answer

Please see the documents at the end of this correspondence detailing the costs in relation to the station closures. Page 1 details the projected costs for both stations, pages 2 and 3 detail costs in relation to Portglenone and pages 4 and 5 details costs in relation to Broughshane. The information you have requested includes details of station security and this information has been exempted pursuant to the provisions of Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 17(1) 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 you the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states that fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption, as well as the factors the Department considered when deciding where the public interest lies, are listed below:

Section 38 (1)(a)(b) – Health & Safety is a prejudiced based, qualified exemption, this means that it is the Public Authority's responsibility to evidence the Harm and carry out a Public Interest Test.

A summary of the Harm and the Public Interest Test is provided below:

Harm

Disclosing details in relation to station security could reveal security information and assist criminal elements to carry out attacks against police stations and police personnel. The Service is currently under threat from Dissident Republicans and releasing this information into the public domain could assist terrorists to circumvent security making the Service and personnel vulnerable to attack.

Public Interest Test

Factors Favouring Release

Releasing the information would promote openness and transparency. The public would be better informed about the procedures in place.

Factors Favouring Retention

Releasing this information into the public domain could assist terrorists and criminal elements to use a mosaic approach and link all information available to them to carry out attacks on police premises. This would not only endanger police officers and police staff but also members of the public.

Decision

I have determined that the release of station security information into the public domain would not be in the public interest. The Service is currently under severe threat from Dissident Republicans and disclosure of this information has the potential to assist those criminal elements seeking to carry out attacks on police premises. Release of this information could increase the risk to the safety of police personnel. The safety of individuals is of paramount importance and the PSNI will not divulge any information which could put lives or property at risk. Disclosure could seriously endanger individuals, particularly in the present climate where dissident terrorists are currently known to be targeting and carrying out attacks on police personnel.

All requests made under FOIA are applicant blind. A request must be treated as such and a public authority will always view any disclosure as into the public domain and not just to an individual.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter should be considered as a Refusal Notice in relation to security briefing procedures and has therefore been closed.

Additional information in relation to the station closures can be accessed via the PSNI website using the links provided below:

http://www.psni.police.uk/estates_review_2012_broughshane.pdf

http://www.psni.police.uk/estates_review_2012_portglenone.pdf

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.

	Average Oil Costs	Projected Oil increase (15%)	Projected Oil Cost	Average Electricity Cost	Projected Electricity Increase (15%)	Projected Electricity Cost	Average Rates	Projected increase (3.0%)	Projected Rates Cost	Average Water Rates	Projected Water Rates increase	Projected Water Rates	Maintenance % Increase (5%)	Projected Maintenance Cost	Security Guards 3% increase	Projected Security Guards Cost	Total
Broughshane	£ 1,778	£ 288	£ 2,205	£ 2,331	£ 409	£ 3,134	£ 2,206	£ 71	£ 2,422	£ 280	£ 10	£ 355	£ 580	£ 12,184			
Portglenone	£ 8,439	£ 1,191	£ 9,132	£ 12,821	£ 2,341	£ 17,947	£ 8,498	£ 272	£ 9,329	£ 735	£ 84	£ 2,887	£ 1,217	£ 25,547			

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2008/09

	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09	Total
Oil Cost	£ 1,173	£ 641	£ 526	£ 169	£ 469	£ 475	£ 1,052	£ 1,168	£ 1,060	£ 971	£ 854	£ 725	£ 9,283
Electricity Cost	£ 735	£ 596	£ 580	£ 622	£ 764	£ 721	£ 1,176	£ 1,426	£ 1,486	£ 1,591	£ 1,157	£ 834	£ 11,688
Gas Cost													£ -
Rates	£ 8,228.25												£ 8,228.25
Security Guards													
Water Rates			£ 339.66					£ 520.43					£ 860.09
Maintenance													£ -
Gross Expenditure													

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2009/10

	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Total
Oil Cost	£ 880	£ 682	£ 97	£ 48	£ 63	£ 130	£ 609	£ 521	£ 1,312	£ 1,522	£ 1,111	£ 1,117	£ 8,092
Electricity Cost	£ 725	£ 601	£ 556	£ 582	£ 585	£ 639	£ 606	£ 1,307	£ 1,415	£ 1,360	£ 1,360	£ 1,432	£ 11,168
Gas Cost													£ -
Rates	£ 8,440.40												£ 8,440.40
Security Guards													
Water Rates								£ 443.08					£ 443.08
Maintenance													£ -
Gross Expenditure													

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2010/11

	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Total
Oil Cost	£ 858.00	£ 187.00	£ 62.00	£ -	£ 4.00	£ 151.00	£ 906.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,208	£ 1,243	£ 1,066	£ 1,256	£ 7,941
Electricity Cost	£ 1,434	£ 1,232	£ 979	£ 998	£ 979	£ 1,085	£ 1,171	£ 1,615	£ 1,800	£ 1,734	£ 1,441	£ 1,138	£ 15,606
Gas Cost	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Rates	£ 8,825.68												£ 8,825.68
Security Guards													
Water Rates	£ 176.59							£ 725					£ 901.43
Maintenance	£ 24,330												£ 24,330.00
Gross Expenditure													

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2011/12

	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Total
Oil Cost	£ 807.00	£ 442.00	£ 532.00	£ 263.00	£ 261.00	£ 431.00	£ 581.00	£ 861.00					£ 4,178
Electricity Cost	£ 967	£ 966	£ 879	£ 793	£ 820	£ 819	£ 1,131	£ 1,387					£ 7,762
Gas Cost													£ -
Rates	£ 9,057.14												£ 9,057.14
Security Guards													
Water Rates	£ 1,493.36							£ 1,309.18					£ 2,802.54
Maintenance													
Gross Expenditure													

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2008/09

	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09	Total
Oil Cost	£ 125	£ 111	£ 46	£ 99	£ 30	£ 17	£ 39	£ 69	£ 70	£ 150	£ 182	£ 124	£ 1,062
Electricity Cost	£ 149	£ 99	£ 108	£ 103	£ 106	£ 109	£ 201	£ 271	£ 292	£ 253	£ 193	£ 134	£ 2,018
Gas Cost													£ -
Rates	£ 2,136.18												£ 2,136.18
Water Rates			£ 74.14						£ 119.32				£ 193.46
Maintenance													£ -
Gross Expenditure													£ 5,409.64

2009/10

	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Total
Oil Cost	£ 29	£ 31	£ -	£ -	£ 171	£ 201	£ 843	£ 170	£ 234	£ 245	£ 210	£ 222	£ 2,356
Electricity Cost	£ 119	£ 102	£ 75	£ 83	£ 87	£ 105	£ 158	£ 225	£ 314	£ 384	£ 329	£ 268	£ 2,249
Gas Cost													£ -
Rates	£ 2,191.26												£ 2,191.26
Water Rates					£ 112.00				£ 164.59				£ 276.59
Maintenance													£ -
Gross Expenditure													£ 7,072.85

2010/11

	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Total
Oil Cost	£ 141.00	£ 92.00	£ 20.00	£ 17.00	£ 18.00	£ 40.00	£ 141.00	£ 248.00	£ 396	£ 281	£ 253	£ 270	£ 1,917
Electricity Cost	£ 249	£ 150	£ 109	£ 114	£ 125	£ 148	£ 227	£ 320	£ 396	£ 400	£ 290	£ 197	£ 2,725
Gas Cost	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Rates	£ 2,291.28												£ 2,291.28
Water Rates			£ 187.24					£ 184.05					£ 371.29
Maintenance	£ 11,604.00												£ 11,604.00
Gross Expenditure													£ 18,908.57

2011/12

	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Total
Oil Cost	£ 125.00	£ 123.00	£ 90.00	£ 74.00	£ 66.00	£ 76.00	£ 120.00	£ 192.00					£ 866
Electricity Cost	£ 152	£ 157	£ 135	£ 149	£ 133	£ 130	£ 164	£ 210					£ 1,230
Gas Cost													£ -
Rates	£ 2,351.37												£ 2,351.37
Water Rates	£ 170.38								£ 174.32				£ 344.70
Maintenance													
Gross Expenditure													£ 4,792.07