



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2013-03384

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Walker Report

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

Confirmation that the PSNI hold a copy of the 'Walker Report'.

#### Question 2

A copy of the Walker Report.

#### Question 3

A full copy, including appendices, of Force Order C352/70 issued on the 23 February 1981.

#### Question 4

Confirmation if the PSNI hold a document which indicates which of the recommendations of the Walker report were accepted or rejected by the Chief Constable, and if so, a copy of this document.

### Answer

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

I have today decided to:

- respond to questions 1 and 3 in full and
- fully exempt information in response to questions 2 and 4 pursuant to the provisions of Section 23 (1) of the Act.

#### Question 1 Answer

The PSNI do hold a copy of the Walker Report.

#### Question 3 Answer

Document C352/70 is not a Force Order, it is a report. Despite searches having been undertaken the document cannot be located.

## **Answer to Questions 2 and 4**

Whilst the PSNI can confirm that we hold the information I have today decided to fully exempt information in response to questions 2 and 4 pursuant to the provisions of Sections 23 (1) of the Act.

Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the PSNI, 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, is listed below:

Section 23(1) Information supplied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies.

Section 23(1) is an absolute class-based exemption and does not require a Harm Test or Public Interest Test to be applied.

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.

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