



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-06110

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Details of Financial Settlements - Allegations of Racism

Request and Answer:

Question 1

I would like to be provided with details of all incidents over the past five years in which your police force paid a financial settlement in response to a civil action/lawsuit, where the original allegation/s of officer misconduct included an allegation or allegations of racism or racially-motivated behaviour. Please limit your search for relevant material to settlements paid since 1/1/2008.

Question 2

For each payment please include the following information: the date the payment was made, the total amount paid, the name of the solicitors (law firm) who handled the claim on behalf of the claimant, summary details of the original allegation/s, and details of any resulting action/disciplinary measures taken against officers against whom the original allegations were made.

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.

I can advise that the PSNI have had no claims as detailed in this request.

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.