



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-06310

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Monies Confiscated From Sex Workers And Prostitutes

Request and Answer:

Question

I would like to know the total amount of money that your police force confiscated from sex workers and prostitutes (depending on which terminology you prefer to use) between 1 January 2013 and 31 December 2013 (inclusive of those dates).

If this request is fulfilled before 31 December 2013, please provide the information for the range 1 January 2013 to the date the request is fulfilled.

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.

There has been no money confiscated from sex workers or prostitutes between 1 January 2013 and 31 December 2013 (inclusive of those dates).

In addition, the PSNI neither confirms nor denies that it holds any other information relevant to your request by virtue of the following exemptions:

Section 23(5) - Information supplied by, or concerning, certain security bodies

Section 23 is an absolute class-based exemption and therefore there is no requirement to conduct a harm or public interest test

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.