



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-04692

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Operation Torus

Request and Answer:

Question

PSNI statement on operation Torus

"Since operational activity began on 23 September, police have conducted 1,053 searches, seized approximately £300,293.50 worth of suspected drugs and have arrested 309 people throughout Northern Ireland."

Can you provide me with a breakdown per Division please i.e. arrests / searches?

Answer

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

It should be noted that the PSNI do not have 'Divisions' but Districts and I have attached a table below which shows the breakdown of the information you requested.

District	Searches	Arrests
A	32	42
B	106	73
C	275	81
D	240	34
E	273	69
F	100	29
G	103	21
H	48	43
Totals	1177	392

N.B. Operation Torus is an ongoing operation and the above statistics change during each day and are not the same as those quoted in PSNI statement on Operation Torus. The statistics above also exclude 19 searches and 5 arrests which were carried out by other PSNI Departments and not by the Districts.

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.

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