



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-05291

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Osman Warning 2010 - To Date

Request and Answer:

Question 1

The number of "Osman Warnings" aka "Warning notices" that have been issued for each year you have records for 2010,2011,2012,2013 to date.

Question 2

The number of "Reverse Osman Warnings" aka "Disruption Notices" that have been issued for each year you have records since 2010,2011,2012,2013 to date

Question 3

For cases of which the police is aware, the number of individuals issued with Warning Notices – by year as above - where after issuing the warning the attack warned about nevertheless took place. Please state the crime that was committed.

Question 4

For cases of which the force is aware, the number of individuals issued with Disruption Notices – by year as above - where after issuing the warning the warned individual attempted to carry out the crime they were warned not to commit. Please state the nature of the crime that resulted.

Answer

Please search those electronic stores of information most easily queried first. Please complete as much of this request as possible within the allotted time. If this request, as worded, cannot be fulfilled within the allotted time please advise how I may alter the scope.

Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit) to provide you the applicant with a notice which states that fact.

It is estimated that the cost of complying with your request for information would exceed the "appropriate costs limit" under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which is currently set by the Secretary of State at £450.

There are in excess of 1,000 Tm1 forms served from 2010 to date and each one would have to be retrieved on our systems and then manually checked for any relevant incidents that related to the warning. A thorough check would take between 10 - 15 minutes which therefore be well in excess of

166 hours which greatly exceeds the limit currently set by the Secretary of State at 18 hours.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter should be considered as a Refusal Notice, and the request has therefore been closed.

You may wish to submit a refined request in order that the cost of complying with your request may be facilitated within the 'appropriate limit'. **In compliance with Section 16 of the Act, PSNI have considered how your request may be refined to bring it under the appropriate limit and it may be possible to provide the total statistics in respect of question 1 - 'Osman Warnings' issued for each of the years from 2010 to date.**

Submission of a refined request would be treated as a new request, and considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, including consideration of relevant Part II exemptions.

If you have any queries regarding your request or this 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.