



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-01147

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Policing Of Alliance Offices Newtownards Road

Request and Answer:

Question

Please supply a monthly cost of the manpower costs over the twenty-four policing of the Alliance Party offices situated at Newtownards Road, Belfast and if the Alliance Party are paying towards this or is it coming out of Public (Ratepayers) funds.

Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

While the total overall costs of Policing in the district are held the cost of policing the Alliance Party Offices cannot be analysed out from these costs.

For your information the table below shows a monthly breakdown of costs of policing the flag protests in B District. All costs are paid out of public funds.

B District	Police	
	Duty Time Cost £	Overtime Cost £
Feb	£472,390	£501,624
Jan	£656,233	£611,495
Dec	£253,236	£546,469

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