



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-04144

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Policing Costs in relation to Alliance Party

Request and Answer:

Question 1

The total number of man hours used to police the East Belfast Alliance Party Office, Newtownards Road, Belfast, between the dates of Monday 3rd December – Friday 31st May to include the total cost (in pounds) associated with this police protection.

Question 2

Also the total man hours used to police the home of Naomi Long MP during the same dates, and the total cost (in pounds) associated with this police protection.

Answer

B District conducted a search of their records; however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. While the total costs of Policing in the district are held, the cost of policing the Alliance Party Offices and the cost of policing the home of Naomi Long cannot be analysed from these costs. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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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