



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-01330

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Tasers

Request and Answer:

Question

Please tell me how many members of your force were authorised to use Tasers in each of the years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 (up to the date of this request)?

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.

The number of officers authorised to use Taser in each of the years requested is as follows:

2010 = 147
2011 = 150
2012 = 158
2013 = 171

Question

Please also tell me the number of times Tasers were discharged/fired by members of your force in each of the years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 (up to the date of this request)?

Answer

The number of times Tasers were discharged/fired by PSNI officers was as follows:

2010 = 12
2011 = 11
2012 = 7
2013 = 6

Question

Please tell me the make and model of the Taser currently used by your force.

Answer

The make and model of the Taser used is Taser® X26.

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.

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