



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-05627

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Hearing Loss Claims for RUC / PSNI Officers

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Please kindly provide me with the following information in respect of hearing loss claims by current or former RUC/PSNI Officers

Clarification received to provide questions 1 - 5 only within the costs.

How many potential claims have been notified to you to date?

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.

There have been a total of 10,807 registered for hearing loss claims up to November 30, 2013.

Question 2

How many of the potential claims have been settled to date?

Answer

A total of 8,641 claims have been concluded up to November 30, 2013.

Question 3

What is the total sum paid out in respect of the settled claims to date?

Answer

To date (November 30, 2013) a total of £135,357,689 has been paid in respect of concluded cases.

Question 4

Of the total sum, what amount relates to compensation for claimants and what amount relates to legal and court costs to date?

Answer

A total of £ 70,161,788 relates to compensation for claimants and £65,195,901 for legal and court costs.

Question 5

Of the total amount of claims how many have been rejected?

Answer

Of the 8,641 claims concluded a total of 92 claims have been concluded as withdrawn or entered in error.

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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