



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-05332

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: HET Farewell Parties

Request and Answer:

Question

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request details of the amount spent on any gifts or farewell parties for former head of the Historical Enquiries Team (HET) Dave Cox, and former director of HET military operations Paul Johnston.

I would specifically like details of the following:

The amount spent on any farewell parties for Mr Cox; and Mr Johnston.

Please give details of each party held, including where it was held; the date; and an itemised list of the costs (e.g. venue hire, entertainment, catering, etc).

If available, please provide details of the names of any music bands/entertainment used and any food or drink menu

The amount spent on any farewell gifts for Mr Cox; and Mr Johnston

Please give a breakdown giving details of the gifts given and their costs

Answer

There have been no HET public organised functions to acknowledge the departure of Dave Cox or Paul Johnston and no official presentations.

Therefore the remainder of the questions are not applicable.

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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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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