



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-05107

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Operational Names

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request details of the use of nationalities, countries or religions in operational names. This is following a news report on the use of 'Operation Irish' for a dog-fouling initiative: <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/police-force-accused-racism-after-6196374>

For as far back as can be determined within the time constraints of the Freedom of Information Act to present, please disclose the following:

- A list showing the police operation names used which are based on countries or nationalities (e.g. English, Welsh, Scotland, etc) or religions (e.g. Catholic, Muslim, etc)

Clarification: To clarify, it would be great to have this information for each year from 2010 to present (or for fewer years if necessary to bring the request within the limits of the FOI Act).

Question 2

For each operation, if possible, please disclose when the operation took place and the nature of the operation.

Answer

The Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access. Operation names are derived from various sources none of which are nationalities, countries or religion.

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.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.