



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-04789

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Arrests Of Members Of Proscribed Terrorist Organisations

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Please provide figures for the total number of arrests made under offences linked to proscribed terrorist organisations, as designated by the Home Office:
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/354891/ProscribedOrganisationsAug14.pdf (I am referring to all offences listed on P.3 of the document. I do not require a breakdown by offence, I am happy to receive a total figure). Please give figures for the following financial years: 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 13-14, 14-14 – up to 01/10/2014.

Question 2

For the same dates please provide figures for the total number of charges made under offences linked to proscribed terrorist organisations.

Question 3

For the same dates please provide figures for the total number of people arrested under offences linked to proscribed terrorist organisations.

Question 4

For the same dates please provide figures for the total number of people charged under offences linked to proscribed terrorist organisations.

Question 5

For the same dates please give a figure for the highest number of arrests of any single individual in your force area, under offences linked to proscribed terrorist organisations.

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.

N.B. The data provided below comes from two different databases. The PSNI Statistics Branch records the number of persons arrested under Section 41 of the Terrorism Act (2000) and the number of persons subsequently charged. The PSNI Statistics Branch does not record the offence under which a person is arrested, therefore cannot provide figures for the number of arrests by offence. The offence that a person is subsequently charged with (having been arrested under

Section 41 of the Terrorism Act (2000) is recorded and the figures are provided below.

These figures are published by the Northern Ireland Office in their *Northern Ireland Terrorism Legislation: Annual Statistics* publications (which can be found by clicking on the link below. Figures for 2013/14 are published on 22nd October 2014, therefore figures provided below for 2013/14 and 2014/15 are provisional. Figures for 2014/15 are available up to 31st August 2014.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/365691/NI_Terrorism_Legislation_Annual_Statistics_2013-14_-_Final.PDF

As you have requested, the figures below only relate to charges under offences as defined on page 3 of the Home Office document. There are multiple other offences (other than the Sections 11, 12 and 13 on page 3) that a person may be charged under in relation to the Terrorism Act (2000).

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Answer

These figures are not recorded by PSNI Statistics Branch by offence and we can only provide the total number of persons arrested under Section 41 of the Terrorism Act (2000). This data can be found at the following link:

http://www.psni.police.uk/index/updates/updates_statistics/updates_security_situation_statistics.htm

However, using a different database and searching for offences containing the words 'terrorism act' and '2000' combined with 'section 11', 'section 12' and 'section 13' the PSNI can confirm that there were 3 people arrested. The data was retrieved from a live recording system and may be subject to change. It is reliant on the data being input onto the system in such a way as to retrieve the information you are seeking.

Question 2

For the same dates please provide figures for the total number of charges made under offences linked to proscribed terrorist organisations.

Answer

| | Total number of charges made under offences linked to proscribed terrorist organisations*** |
|-----------------|--|
| 2010/11 | 4 |
| 2011/12 | 6 |
| 2012/13 | 12 |
| 2013/14* | 5 |
| 2014/15* | 5 |

N.B.

* Figures are provisional

** Figures are provisional and cover the period 1st April 2014 – 31st August 2014

*** As designated by the Home Office on page 3 of the following document:

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Note: Statistics refer to charges brought against a person after the original period of detention (including extensions). Any subsequent charges, additions, deletions to the original charges are not included.

Question 3

For the same dates please provide figures for the total number of people arrested under offences linked to proscribed terrorist organisations.

Answer

Please note that the figures provided are from a different database and were retrieved by searching for offences containing the words 'terrorism act' and '2000' combined with 'section 11', 'section 12' and 'section 13'.

Using the search criteria as described above there were 3 people arrested under sections 11, 12 and 13 of the Terrorism Act 2000.

Question 4

For the same dates please provide figures for the total number of people charged under offences linked to proscribed terrorist organisations.

Answer

| | Total number of persons charged under offences linked to proscribed terrorist organisations*** |
|------------------|---|
| 2010/11 | 4 |
| 2011/12 | 4 |
| 2012/13 | 9 |
| 2013/14* | 5 |
| 2014/15** | 5 |

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Question 5

For the same dates please give a figure for the highest number of arrests of any single individual in your force area, under offences linked to proscribed terrorist organisations.

Answer

During the period of your request no individual was arrested more than once under the offences you have requested.

N.B. Please note that the figures provided were retrieved by searching for offences containing the

words 'terrorism act' and '2000' combined with 'section 11', 'section 12' and 'section 13'.

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.