



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-05658

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Policing Private Events

Request and Answer:

Question

I previously requested details of the amount charged by the PSNI for policing private events (F-2014-04616) but I would like further details showing the overall costs of these events, i.e. including the costs not recouped through charging.

Please disclose the following:

- The same content and format as the table in F-2014-04616, but instead of costs recouped please give the overall costs to the PSNI of each of these events. (For example, the overall cost to police of MCD concerts; the overall costs of policing at film locations)

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 table below shows the cost of policing the events listed for the financial years 2012/13 and 2013/14. Please note the following explanations on the different events and costs.

Policing Abnormal Loads. Charging for abnormal loads is based on a set hourly rate to cover officer time and the overheads associated with providing the service. The costs charged are reflective of the costs to PSNI of providing the service

Policing Film Locations: The costs recouped for provision of police services at film locations represented the direct costs of policing services provided.

VIP Escorts: The costs for VIP escorts and the policing of the Stormont estate also represent the full costs of the policing provided.

Concerts: Unable to provide an overall cost for this as Police provided primarily a traffic management role and joint alcohol bye-law enforcement with Belfast City Council in the surrounding area of the venue. Neither of these roles fell under the criteria of 'Special Police Services' and were therefore not suitable for cost recovery. This event/occurrence was not cost coded and as such we are unable to advise what the total cost would have been. We are not required to create information

to provide a response and the PSNI are unable to say what the cost you are seeking would have been.

Description	Financial Year 2012 / 2013		Financial Year 2013 / 2014	
	Number of Occurrences	Amount £ K	Number of Occurrences	Amount £ K
Policing Abnormal Load	33	112.1	6	64.2
Concerts – MCD Productions Tennents Vital	-	-	-	-
Policing at Film Locations	9	11.9	5	12.8
VIP Escort	Annual	64.2	Annual	50
Policing Stormont Estate	Annual	507	Annual	490.8
TOTAL		695.2		617.8

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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