



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-03906

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Farewell Events and Gifts

Request and Answer:

Question

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request details of the amount spent on any farewell gifts or farewell events/parties for former chief constable Matt Baggott and former deputy chief constable Judith Gillespie.

I would specifically like details of the following in relation to Mr Baggott, and separately Ms Gillespie:

- The amount spent on any farewell events/parties
- 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 bands or entertainment used and any food or drink menu
- The amount spent on any farewell gifts
- Please give a breakdown giving details of the gifts given and their costs

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.

I have been advised that no farewell function was held for former Chief Constable Matt Baggott. Mr Baggott was presented with a blackthorn stick at no cost to the organisation.

Regarding former Deputy Chief Constable Judith Gillespie, the total amount spent on catering upon Mrs Gillespie's retirement was £922.42 and £282.94 was spent on gifts. Please find below a table where this has been broken down to show the dates and nature of the events, locations they were held in, costs for catering and gifts presented.

Date	Event	Location	Cost	Gift
14/01/14	Lunch	Ballymena PSNI	£48.70	None
04/02/14	Lunch	Antrim Road PSNI Station	£42.00	Flowers - £35.00
05/02/14	Reception – Tea & Biscuits	Bangor PSNI	£8.30	None
07/02/14	Lunch	Lisburn PSNI Station	£75.82	Flowers - £30.00
10/02/14	Reception	Air Support Unit Aldergrove	None	None
11/02/14	Reception	Musgrave PSNI	None	Piece of Jewellery - £127.55
13/02/14	Reception - Tea & Scones	Cookstown PSNI Station	£16.77	None
13/02/14	Lunch	Omagh PSNI Station	£7.54	None
13/02/14	Lunch	Enniskillen PSNI Station	£150.72	Blackthorn stick – No cost
13/02/14	Reception – Tea & Biscuits	Enniskillen PSNI Station	£22.32	None
14/02/14	Lunch	Strand Road PSNI	£114.30	None
19/02/14	Reception – Tea & Biscuits	Knocknagoney PSNI Station	None	Flowers - £30
19/02/14	Lunch	Police College, Garnerville	£210.40	None
05/03/14	Reception - Refreshments	Banbridge PSNI Station	£64.26	Print - £60.39
13/03/14	Reception – Finger Food	PSNI Headquarters, Brooklyn	£161.29	None

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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