



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-04616

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Payment to PSNI For Policing Private Events

Request and Answer:

Question

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request details of the amounts paid to the PSNI for providing policing services for private events, e.g. football matches, visits by VIPs, commercial events, etc.

Some of this information appears to be available on your website (<http://www.psni.police.uk/finance>) in the document 'cost for policing of private events', but is incomplete and not up to date.

For each year from 2007/8 to present, please disclose the following:

- The total amount charged by the PSNI for policing private events
- For each event, please disclose the date it occurred; a description of the event; its location; the organiser or promoter; the names of any VIPs involved; and the amount charged

It would be great if this information could be provided in an Excel spreadsheet format.

Clarification Received: Ideally I would like the information request for at least the last two full years (and thus disregard the request of 'from 2007 onwards').

However, if this is not possible I am happy to proceed with the request based on broader categories such as concerts, etc.

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.

During the 2012/2013 - 2013/2014 financial years, there have been charges made for services provided in relation to policing of abnormal loads, concerts, filming locations, VIP escorts and the policing services provided for Stormont estate. A breakdown of the total costs recouped by PSNI is provided in the table below.

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	-	-	1	10
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		627.8

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