



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-00506

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Police Overtime

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How much has been paid in police/officers overtime last year, 2013?

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 total amount paid in overtime payments to police officers in 2013 was £72,136,000.

Question 2

Could I have a breakdown for reasons in 2013 i.e. street disorder Woodvale, north Belfast etc. overtime G8, world police and fire games.

Answer

Please find below a breakdown of the main events in Northern Ireland which contributed to the total figure for overtime paid to police officers in 2013.

- (1) Expenditure funded by Treasury Reserve and Northern Ireland Executive - £25,748,000
- (2) G8 - £9,838,000
- (3) Parades Protests and Disorder (01/04/13 – 31/08/13) - £8,933,000
- (4) Flags Dispute and associated disorder (01/01/13 – 31/03/13) - £6,791,000
- (5) Other Costs including Training, Court, Custody and Events - £3,023,000
- (6) Twaddell Avenue and North Belfast protest (20/08/13 – 31/12/13) - £2,545,000
- (7) City of Culture, Londonderry - £659,000
- (8) World Police and Fire Games - £586,000

Total - £58,123,000 (80.5% of Total Overtime)

The caveat being that a small amount of expenditure in some of the areas may also be included in (1)

Question 3

Could I have same question 1 for previous year 2012?

Answer

The total amount paid in overtime payments to police officers in 2012 was £51,052,000.

Question 4

Could I have breakdown question 2, for previous year 2012?

Answer

Please find below a breakdown of the main events in Northern Ireland which contributed to the total figure for overtime paid to police officers in 2012.

- (1) Expenditure funded by Treasury Reserve and Northern Ireland Executive - £27,868,000
- (2) Flags Dispute and associated disorder - £3,286,000
- (3) Other Costs including Training, Court, Custody and Events - £3,209,000
- (4) Parades Protests and Disorder (01/04/12 – 30/09/12) - £2,670,000
- (5) Olympic Torch Relay - £789,000
- (6) Covenant Parade - £461,000

Total £38,283,000 (74.9% of Total Overtime)

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