



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-03852

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Applications to Join PSNI

Request and Answer:

Question

Can you please provide the numbers for those applications to the advertisements for recruitment process into the PSNI from the implementation of the Patton Reforms? i.e. how many applications were received for advertised jobs for trainee constables in 2002 up to and including the most recent recruitment drive.

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.

Please find below a table showing the number of applicants to PSNI for each year from 2001 to date.

Competition Number and Year	Number of Applicants
1 - 2001	7518
2 - 2001	4915
3 - 2002	4674
4 - 2002	4410
5 - 2003	6044
6 - 2003	5419
7 - 2004	4977
8 - 2004	5695
9 - 2005	6106
10 - 2005	7690
11 - 2006	7859
12 - 2006	7734
13 - 2007	7418
14 - 2008	8363
15 - 2009	9825
16 - 2010	8987
17 - 2013	7493
18 - 2014	5856
Total	120,983

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