



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-05908

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Interpreters and Translators 2011-2014

Request and Answer:

Question

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:

1) How many (agency or other) interpreters (i.e. translators of the SPOKEN WORD [either face-to-face or via phone]) were employed by Police Service of Northern Ireland in the (financial) year:

- a) 2011 - 2012
- b) 2012 - 2013
- c) 2013 - 2014
- d) 2014 (to date)

If possible, please include the language they interpreted from/to i.e. Polish, Romanian.

2) The COST to Police Service of Northern Ireland of employing interpreters (i.e. translators of the SPOKEN WORD [either face-to-face or via phone]) in the (financial) year:

- a) 2011 - 2012
- b) 2012 - 2013
- c) 2013 - 2014
- d) 2014 (to date)

3) How many (agency or other) translators (i.e. translators of the WRITTEN WORD) were employed by Police Service of Northern Ireland in the (financial) year:

- a) 2011 - 2012
- b) 2012 - 2013
- c) 2013 - 2014
- d) 2014 (to date)

If possible, please include the language they translated from/to i.e. Polish, Romanian.

4) The COST to Police Service of Northern Ireland of employing translators (i.e. translators of the WRITTEN WORD) in the (financial) year:

- a) 2011 - 2012
- b) 2012 - 2013
- c) 2013 - 2014
- d) 2014 (to date)

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.

In response to your Freedom of Information request the PSNI does not employ interpreters or translators and therefore the answer to all of the above questions is none. Interpreters and translators are employed by Service Providers and details of the total cost to the PSNI has been disclosed on a recent Freedom of Information request which can be found on the Finance section of the 2014 Disclosure Log on the PSNI website, a link to which is provided [here](#).

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.