



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-05058

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Tasers

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Details of how many Tasers your force has bought in the past 10 financial years (including 2014/15 to date). Please tell me: How many Tasers the force bought – please break this down into batches, for example: 100 in 2010/11 and 200 in 2013/14.

Question 2

For each batch – please tell me how much the force paid and provide a figure for how much was paid for each Taser.

Question 3

Please also tell me from which manufacturer and through which contractor the Tasers were bought. Please provide the information in an Excel document format and please also include a total number of Tasers bought and the total amount paid for all of them over the 10 year period.

Answer 1-3

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.

There was a total of 166 Tasers purchased during the period of your request. All Tasers were purchased through the Home Office Framework at a total cost of £134,550.20, a breakdown of which can be found below. Further details on the contracted supplier may be available from the Home Office.

2007/08 - 18 @ £800 each

2008/09 - 65 @ £763.08 each

2013/14 - 17 @ £850 each

2014/15 - 66 @ £850 each

Question 4

Please also provide the figures for the number of times the Tasers were deployed to accompany each of those financial years and 2014/15 to date.

Answer

Please see the table below which shows the number of times per financial year from 2008 until the end of September 2014, which are the latest figures available. 'Use' includes drawn, aimed red dot and fired. The column entitled 'Total Use' includes the number of times the Taser been fired.

N.B. The figures in the table below have been taken from the statistics published annually on the PSNI website while the figures from April 6 to September 30, are provisional with some instances of 'use' to be confirmed that they have passed the threshold to be considered as such.

Financial Year	Fired	Total Use (inc fired)
2008/09	5	49
2009/10	9	110
2010/11	14	123
2011/12	9	119
2012/13	11	183
2013/14	16	171
6.4.14 – 30.9.14	9	110

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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