



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-05628

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Cost Of Policing Parades In Kilkeel And Downpatrick

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Could the PSNI detail the cost of policing the 17th March and 15th August annual parades in Kilkeel?

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 PSNI do not hold detailed costs of policing the parades in Kilkeel which you requested. The information provided is an estimate using a ready reckoner and only includes an estimate of police pay and helicopter support.

N.B. As no year was given for the parades the information is provided for 2014.

Please see the tables below.

Approximate Costings 17th March Parade In Kilkeel	
Overtime	£9223.80
Duty Time	£0
Helicopter Support	£1971.00
Totals	£11194.80

Approximate Costings 15th August Parade In Kilkeel	
Overtime	£3919.77
Duty Time	£11382.32
Helicopter Support	£1043.00
Totals	£16345.09

Question 2

Could the PSNI detail the cost of policing the annual Red Hand Defenders band parade which is held in Downpatrick?

Answer

The PSNI do not hold the costs of policing this parade and the figure provided is an estimate using a ready reckoner and only includes an estimate of police pay as no helicopter support was requested.

Please see the table below.

Approximate Costings For Red Hand Defenders Parade In Downpatrick	
Overtime	£5111
Duty Time	£3599
Total	£8710

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