



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014 - 00324

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Twaddell Protest

Request and Answer:

Question 1

What was the overall cost of policing the 'Twaddell Protest' on Tuesday 14th of January 2014 (14/1/14)?

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 estimated cost of policing 'Twaddell Protest' on Tuesday 14th of January 2014 was £27,671.

Question 2

Can I have a breakdown of the policing costs for the 'Twaddell Protest' on 14/1/14? i.e., community officers, public order officers, helicopter etc.

Answer

A breakdown is provided in the summary table below. No air support costs were incurred on this date. Additional costs are real cash costs that would not have been incurred but for the PSNI having to stand up significant levels of public order and other resources. The opportunity costs represent the salary-related costs of those officers who have been diverted away from core policing activity.

	Additional Costs	Opportunity Costs	Total Costs
	£	£	£
Public Order Officers	11,485	8,772	20,256
Local Officers from A District	1,387	1,328	2,715
Other Additional Costs	4,700	0	4,700
Total Costs	17,572	10,100	27,671

Question 3

What was the total amount of officers on duty at the 'Twaddell Protest' on 14/1/14?

Answer

In total approximately 130 officers were involved in policing the 'Twaddell Protest' on this date. The local officers from A District would only have spent part of their shifts policing the protest but the public order officers would have spent all of (or certainly the greater part of) their shifts policing it.

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.

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