



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-05505

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: PSNI Firearms Lost Or Stolen

Request and Answer:

Question 1

The main figure I would like to obtain is the total number of firearms, that have been owned or used by the NI Police for either on duty work or training, that have been lost by the police or have been stolen from the police, by year, firearms including but not limited to, tasers, pistols and fully automatic rifles. In addition, if possible, I would like a breakdown of what specific firearm was lost or stolen, e.g taser, pistol or rifle. Further information in regards to the location that the firearms were lost or taken from would be most appreciated also e.g. secure lock up, car, directly from the officer etc.

Although a complete "from records began" account would be nice, I expect that this may be difficult therefore records of the last 10 years would be sufficient.

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 see the tables below on page numbered 1.

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

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Table 1**Guns Lost From November 2004 To Date**

Year	Number Lost	Type Of Weapon	Location
2004	None		
2005	1	Revolver	Lost In Station
2006	None		
2007	None		
2008	None		
2009	None		
2010	1	Semi-automatic Pistol	Lost In House
2011	None		
2012	None		
2013	None		
2014 to date	None		

Table 2**Guns Stolen From November 2004 To Date**

Year	Number Stolen	Type Of Weapon	Location
2004	1	Semi-automatic pistol	Stolen from vehicle
2005	1	Revolver	Stolen from house
2006	2	Semi-automatic pistols	Both guns stolen from houses
2007	None		
2008	2	Semi-automatic pistols	One gun stolen from house and one gun stolen from vehicle
2009	1	Semi-automatic pistol	Taken in aggravated burglary
2010	None		
2011	1	Semi-automatic pistol	Taken in aggravated burglary
2012	1	Semi-automatic pistol	Stolen from house
2013	None		
2014 to date	None		