



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-00344

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Total Number of Cases Brought Against PSNI in Court 2010-2013

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Total number of cases brought against the PSNI in court seeking damages in:

A: 2010

B: 2011

C: 2012

D: 2013

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 table below outlining the total number of cases brought against the PSNI in court seeking damages:

2010	4,707
2011	2,334
2012	1,964
2013	1,792

*(Please note the figures provided take into account all claims lodged against the Chief Constable – ie pre-proceedings basis or as a result of Civil Bill or Writ)

Question 2

Total number of successful cases in each of those years.

Answer

Please see table below outlining the total number of successful cases:

2010	8
2011	3
2012	2
2013	12

*(Please note this has been taken to mean the number of cases which resulted in a Court award in favour of the Plaintiff).

Question 3

Number of cases settled by the PSNI out of court.

Answer

Please see table below outlining the number of cases settled by the PSNI out of court

2010	2,144
2011	2,334
2012	2,833
2013	2,250

*(Please note this has been taken to mean the number of cases where compensation paid to the Plaintiff was not as a result of a court award).

Question 4

Total amount of damages paid to all parties in all years.

Answer

Please see table below outlining the total amount of damages paid to all parties in all years

2010	£13,418,423.95
2011	£18,774,295.96
2012	£20,819,483.26
2013	£16,921,614.46

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.

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