



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-00519

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Arrests Under Section 41 Terrorism Act 2000 and Charges

Request and Answer:

Re F-2015-00272

Question

Further to our telephone conversation of 3rd February 2015, I will now be satisfied with the refined version of my earlier request. Convicted Terrorist in Court for Non Related Terrorist Crimes.

Refinement previously offered

You may wish to submit a refined request in order that the cost of complying with your request may be facilitated within the 'appropriate limit'. In compliance with Section 16 of the Act, I have considered how your request may be refined to bring it under the appropriate limit. Statistics Branch may be able to provide the number of persons arrested under Section 41 Terrorism Act 2000 and subsequently charged with **any** offence for a specific time period. Not all persons convicted of terrorist offences were arrested under terrorism legislation.

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 number of persons arrested under Section 41 of the Terrorism Act and subsequently charged with any offence is in the public domain at the following links (in the accompanying excel spreadsheet, worksheet entitled 'Terrorism Act arrests & charges').

http://www.psni.police.uk/index/updates/updates_statistics/updates_security_situation_statistics.htm

Further breakdown is also provided in the publication below, from NIO but information is supplied by us in PSNI in Table 4 'Charges brought against persons detained in Northern Ireland under Section 41 of the Terrorism Act 2000 by individual offence'.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/northern-ireland-terrorism-legislation-annual-statistics-201314>

Please find attached a printed copy of the information referred to above for your convenience.

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