



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-02688

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Charging For Special Police Forces

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Details of all Irish league football matches over the last two calendar years (2014 and 2015 to date) in which special police forces were engaged and advise whether costs were levied to the organisers in respect of each of these matches.

Question 2

Details of all Ulster rugby games over the last two calendar years (2014 and 2015 to date) in which special police forces were engaged and advise whether costs were levied to the organisers in respect of each of these games.

Clarification Received: we were referring to special police services.

Please provide:- Dates and venues of all Irish league football matches over the last two calendar years (2014 and 2015 to date) in which special police services were engaged and advise whether costs were levied to the organisers in respect of each of these matches;

Dates and venues of all Ulster rugby games over the last two calendar years (2014 and 2015 to date) in which special police services were engaged and advise whether costs were levied to the organisers in respect of each of these games.

2nd Clarification Received: We are seeking the details previously requested in relation to special police services involved in any role inside the football and rugby grounds previously referred to.

Answer 1-2

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.

I have been informed by Districts that no Special Police Services were asked for or provided at any Irish League football matches or Ulster Rugby games during the timeframe of your request therefore no costs were levied against organisers.

Question 3

You have helpfully pointed us towards service procedure 4/15. We note this is version no1 of this

document and that it was issued on the 5.5.15. Please advise if the PSNI had any written policy in place prior to the 5.5.15 and if so please provide a copy of same.

Answer

PSNI did not have a written policy in place prior to version 1 issued on 5 May 2015. Previous guidance on charging was taken from guidance and matrix issued by ACPO (Association Of Chief Police Officers). A copy of this guidance is available by clicking on the link below.

[http://www.gmp.police.uk/content/WebAttachments/F13A0200A88DD39180257D7900420E3C/\\$File/ACPO%20Police%20Costs%202014.pdf](http://www.gmp.police.uk/content/WebAttachments/F13A0200A88DD39180257D7900420E3C/$File/ACPO%20Police%20Costs%202014.pdf)

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