



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-00244

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Cost of Christmas Parties 2012 - 2014

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How much money was spent on Christmas parties in each of the last three years (being calendar years 2012, 2013 and 2014)?

Question 2

Please provide a breakdown of what was purchased (eg, food, soft drinks, alcohol, venue)

Question 3

How much was spent on alcohol for Christmas parties for each of the last three years?

Clarification: I'm unsure what other budgets the funding would come from, but please include all money spent which was funded by the taxpayer.

I would define a Christmas party in this instance as a non-work gathering paid for by the constabulary for its staff between the months of November and January.

PSNI advised that question 3 would appear to be a duplicate of question two.

Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. This information is not held centrally and as a result I contacted all policing districts and departments. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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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