



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-01069

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Cost Of Historical Enquiry Team

Request and Answer:

Question 1

I refer to the above in respect of the Historical Enquiry Team. I would be obliged if I could have a breakdown of the finance involved in running this Department from its inception to its termination in December 2014.

I would appreciate a breakdown as follows:

- Total wages for all staff
- Total expenses for all staff
- Building rental
- All other expenses
- The total amount incurred.

Clarification Received: Please could you send me what information you have on this matter.

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 PSNI only hold Financial Records for seven years and HET came into existence in Sept 2005. Also due to the way that the agency staff were contracted to work in HET and were invoiced no breakdown is made between wages and expenses, therefore this level of detail is not available even from the records held for the last seven years. Please see the table below which shows the information that is held on the Finance System.

	April – Dec 14	13/14	12/13	11/12	10/11	09/10	08/09
Other Staff	1,922,374	4,607,395	5,060,824	5,264,251	5,060,265	5,622,494	7,375,865
Other Revenue	128,549	305,491	349,602	330,645	437,029	718,854	1,078,685
Payroll Costs	507,456	667,971	535,435	215,931	226,732	282,626	350,724
Totals	2,558,379	5,580,857	5,945,861	5,810,827	5,724,026	6,623,974	8,805,274

Estate Services Business Unit (ESBU) did not charge HET any building rental in respect of their use of part of the Sprucefield Complex.

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.