



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-01456

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Cost of Policing Private Events

Request and Answer:

Question

For 2014/15 (in the same format as previous requests (F-2014-04616 and F-2014-05658):

- the amount charged/recouped by the PSNI for policing private events.
- the overall cost to the PSNI of each of these events.

Please note, I will not accept the imposition of qualified exemptions on a blanket basis. I would appreciate, at the very least, evidence that an attempt has been made to make a partial disclosure of available information in a redacted form.

Please let me know if you have received this request. Please also let me know in advance if this request needs to be clarified or refined in any way. Thank you for your time and I will look forward to hearing from you.

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 find below a table showing the amount recouped for policing private events for the financial year 2014/15.

Event Type	Amount £k
Filming	29.4
Concerts	8.9
Sporting Events	20.8
Total	59.1

Please find below a table showing the cost of policing private events for the financial year 2014/15.

Event Type	No. of Occurrences	Amount £k
Abnormal Load	7	29.9
Concerts	1	8.9
Filming	16	29.4
VIP Escort	Annual	70.2
Stormont Estate	Annual	395.0
Sporting Events	3	20.8
Total		554.3

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.