



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-00631

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Costs For Policing Woodvale Protests January 2015

Request and Answer:

Breakdown of costs for policing the following for the period of 1st January 2015 to 31st January 2015

Question 1

Cost of policing operation for the Monday to Friday (5 evenings) protest parade from Woodvale Road to Twaddell Avenue as follows...

- 1a) Cost for policing the actual parade and protest
- 1b) Cost for policing the perceived terrorist threat to police, parade participants, protesters and public
- 1c) Overall costs of this policing operation

Question 2

Cost of policing operation for the Saturday (1 day) protest parade from Woodvale Road to Twaddell Avenue as follows...

- 2a) Cost for policing the actual parade and protest
- 2b) Cost for policing the perceived terrorist threat to police, parade participants, protesters and public
- 2c) Overall costs of this policing operation

Question 3

Total Cost for policing the Woodvale Road to Twaddell Avenue Parades and Protests as follows...

- 3a) Overall costs for policing parades, protests and perceived terrorist threat for the 31 days in January 2015 inclusive of protection costs from perceived terrorist threats for police, parade participants, protesters and public.

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. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

This event was not cost coded and as such we are unable to advise what the cost that you are seeking would have been. We are not required to create information to provide a response and therefore the PSNI are unable to say what the cost you are seeking would have been.

However, although the PSNI do not hold the information in the way you have requested in trying to assist I can inform you that indicative costs are held in respect of policing the Woodvale Road to

Twaddell Avenue parades and protests. I have included this table at pages numbered 1-2 below.

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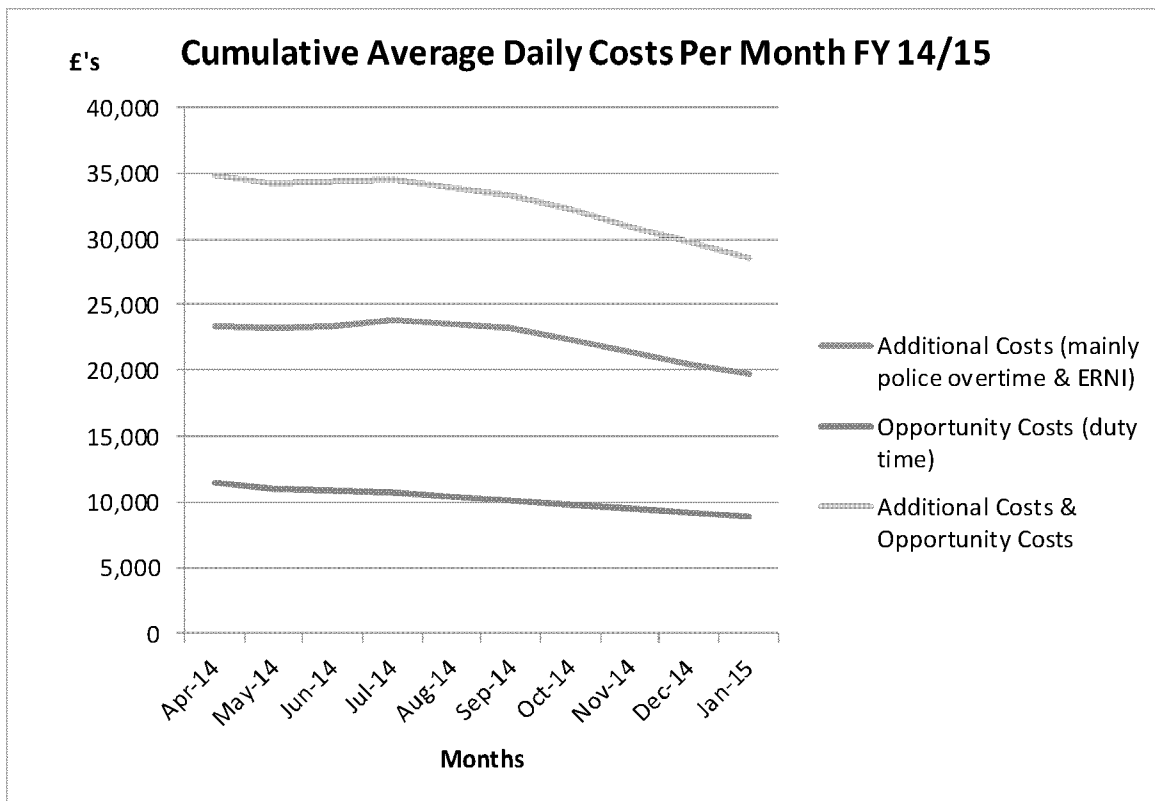
Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

TABLE 1 - Op Tommen Average Costs & Total Costs 20/08/13 to 31/01/15 (530 days)

Op Tommen Costs 20/08/13 to 31/01/2015 (530 days)	Average Per Day	Average Per Week	Average Per Month (30.42 days)	Total To Date (530 days)
	£	£	£	£
Additional Costs (mainly police overtime & Opportunity Costs (duty time)	19,787	138,509	601,921	10,487,127
Additional Costs & Opportunity Costs	28,629	200,400	870,882	15,173,151

ANNEX 1 - Op Tommen Cumulative Average Daily Costs from the commencement of the operation on 20th Aug 2013 to the end of each month

	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15
Additional Costs (mainly police overtime & ERNI)	23,378	23,170	23,435	23,841	23,580	23,182	22,378	21,375	20,511	19,787
Opportunity Costs (duty time)	11,413	10,982	10,865	10,671	10,379	10,155	9,871	9,502	9,210	8,842
Additional Costs & Opportunity Costs	34,791	34,152	34,300	34,512	33,959	33,337	32,248	30,877	29,721	28,629



ANNEX 2 - Op Tommen Average Daily Costs Per Individual Month FY 14/15

Op Tommen Average Daily Costs Per Month	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15
Additional Costs (mainly police overtime & ERNI)	20,079	21,462	25,951	27,973	20,664	18,176	11,825	6,733	7,472	8,129
Opportunity Costs (duty time)	10,446	7,455	9,754	8,694	7,120	7,346	6,135	4,114	4,802	2,917
Additional Costs & Opportunity Costs	30,524	28,917	35,705	36,667	27,784	25,522	17,960	10,847	12,274	11,046

