



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-03191

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Ex Gratia Payments

Request and Answer:

Question

Details of all ex gratia payments made by the PSNI, where damage has been caused in carrying out the search of premises.

Our client requests details of all payments paid by the PSNI in the last five years from the date hereof in respect of ex gratia payments for damage caused by the PSNI during searches.

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.

As requested please find the table below which shows the number of claims paid and the total amount paid in compensation by the PSNI in the last five years in relation to ex gratia payments in relation to damage caused during searches.

Date From	Date To	Number of Claims	Amount of Compensation Paid
01/10/2010	30/09/2011	23	£17,055.23
01/10/2011	30/09/2012	45	£33,613.41
01/10/2012	30/09/2013	38	£22,256.18
01/10/2013	30/09/2014	31	£22,279.04
01/10/2014	30/09/2015	29	£24,456.72

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.