



# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2015-00512

**Keyword:** Finance

**Subject:** Pensions

**Request and Answer:**

**Question**

Please could I have the figures for how many officers fall into full protection, tapered protection, unprotected with regards to the pension reform. Would it be possible to break this down into male and female, catholics and others?

**Clarification Sought**

Pension Branch may be able to provide the information requested regarding full/tapered/unprotected pensions broken down by gender. Pension Branch do not record whether a person is catholic or other, to establish this would require the involvement of Human Resources and would most likely put the request overcost. Please advise if you are content to receive the information that may be available within cost.

**Clarification Received**

If that is the best you can do within budget I would appreciate it.

**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 providing a breakdown of pension protection by scheme and gender. Figures change on a regular basis due to retirements and purchase of additional service due to transfer of pension rights.

	1988 SCHEME			2006 SCHEME		
	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
FULL PROTECTION	1992	1667	325	34	26	8
TAPERED PROTECTION	839	626	213	96	77	19
NO PROTECTION	1702	1048	654	2045	1371	674

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.

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