



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-01792

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Personal Injury Compensation

Request and Answer:

Question 1

For the last financial year 2014/2015 how much money was paid to officers and civilian staff of your force as compensation for personal injuries after they brought or threatened legal action against your force? (If possible please EXCLUDE the legal fees that may have been paid in these cases so that the answer is just the compensation received by the injured parties).

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.

In 2014/15 the amount of £5,176,948.20 was paid to police officers and support staff as compensation for personal injuries. This amount does not include any legal fees.

Question 2

How many individual claims did this represent?

Answer

This represented a total of 1009 claims.

Question 3

For all payments in excess of £1,000 that were paid please state (i) the amount of compensation, (ii) the cost to the force of the legal fees associated with the case, (iii) if the employee was an officer, a PCSO or a member of civilian staff and (iv) a one sentence description of the nature of the claim.

Note this question relates to compensation claims paid in 2014/2015 irrespective of when the actual injury incident took place, or when the claim was lodged.

Clarification: Yes I am content to withdraw Question 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

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