



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-05863

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Police Pension Scheme Reform

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Under the FOI could you please provide the following information concerning the proposed Police Pension due to come into effect on 1st April 2015. Will the new scheme cover EUC widows post and pre 1989?

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.

Based on draft regulations supplied by the Department of Justice the reformed pension scheme will cover all RUC widows.

Question 2

If it is both then is this in parity with England and Wales?

Answer

Based on draft regulations supplied by the Department of Justice the reformed pension scheme will be on a par with England and Wales.

Question 3

Who will fund the Widows scheme? Will it come from current Officers contributions or just from PSNI?

Question 4

Will funding the Widows scheme have an effect on the Cost Ceiling and proposed Cost Cap of the new pension, currently set at 28% in total?

Question 5

If it has an effect how much in terms of financial payments and percentage of the Police budget will go towards the Widows Scheme?

Answer

Regarding questions 3, 4 and 5 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.

The reform of the police pension scheme is the responsibility of the Department of Justice.

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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