



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-00629

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Police Pensions

Request and Answer:

Question 1

What is the current service strength from the date of this e-mail?

Answer

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) 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 of 17th February 2015, PSNI has 6,837 regular officers.

Question 2

How many officers have reached maximum pensionable service and as a result have had their pensions frozen?

Answer

There are currently 207 serving police officers who have opted out of the 1988 Pension Scheme after completing 30 years pensionable service.

Question 3

Excluding the numbers from question 2 could you provide the numbers of police officers who are Protected from the Public service pension scheme 2015 changes/Tapered under the PSPS 2015/ Unprotected under the PSPS 2015?

Answer

	1988 Scheme	2006 Scheme
Full Protection	1,992	34
Tapered Protection	839	96
No Protection	1,702	2,045

A number of police officers are not in the pension scheme.

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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