



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2015-01968

**Keyword:** Finance

**Subject:** Policing Events

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

Re F-2015-01572 please let us have the information in respect of questions B, D, F & J in respect of the following events:-

WWE Live -21st May 2014 at the Odyssey Arena, Belfast.

Premier league darts - 26th February 2015 at the Odyssey Arena, Belfast.

Carl Frampton Boxing – 28th February 2015 at the Odyssey Arena, Belfast.

#### Question B

The costs charged by PSNI to the organisers of each of the events referred to above.

#### 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.

WWE Live – No costs charged.

Premier League Darts – Invoice for £2,325.30 issued in respect of police costs to the events promoter, Professional Darts Corporation.

Carl Frampton Boxing – Invoice for £13,473 issued in respect of police costs to the events promoter, Cyclone Promotions.

#### Question D

The method of calculation of the costs charged by the PSNI to the organisers of each of the events referred to above.

#### Answer

PSNI assessed the required police deployments for within the respective venue for each event by assessing potential risks, and how these risks could be sufficiently mitigated. The basis of this decision making process was the National Decision Model and each event was considered on its own merits. All decisions were predicated on the basis of keeping people safe. Costs were then calculated by an hourly rate per officer, commensurate with the appropriate rank over the appropriate timescale for each event.

**Question F**

Details of any disorder at any of the events referred to above.

**Answer**

WWE Live – None

Premier League Darts – 25 people were evicted during the event by Eventsec staff and police however, there was no disorder.

Carl Frampton Boxing – None

**Question J**

Confirmation that an undertaking was sought from each of the organisers of each of the events referred to above in advance of the event that the specific costs of special police services would be met.

**Answer**

Contracts were drawn up in advance of the Premier League Darts and the Boxing Events and these were duly signed by PSNI and Promoters representatives respectively. The contracts included the police costs that would be charged for police attendance at these events and subsequently invoiced at a later date together with due timescales for said payment.

**Question 2**

Further we are instructed that WWE Live plan to return to the Odyssey Arena on 10th of November 2015. If special police forces are anticipated at this event please provide details of the costs to be charged by the PSNI to the organisers, the method of calculation of the costs to be charged and the criteria upon which the charge is calculated.

**Answer**

Police have not been approached regarding the WWE Live event coming up in November.

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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