



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-02554

Keyword: Finance

Subject: PSNI Purchase Of Replica Weapons

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How much has the PSNI spent on the purchase of replica weapons in each of the last five years?

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.

I contacted all districts within the PSNI and can advise that the following recorded information has been retrieved.

£1080 for airsoft weapons
£412 for ancillary equipment

N.B. While all areas have carried out checks we are unable to be 100% certain that further purchases have not been made because there is no central purchasing mechanism and no register for these types of items. This is so because they are not firearms and do not fall into the PSNI accounting and recording policies.

Question 2

Please list the type of replicas purchased and state what use they are put to.

- 1) 4 x Glock 17
- 2) 4 x Heckler and Koch G36C
- 3) 2 x AK47 type airsoft weapons
- 4) 2 x M4 type airsoft weapons
- 5) 5 x Glock pistol airsoft weapons

Those itemised at points 1 and 2 are used in the 'Guns And Knives Ruin Lives' presentation given by PSNI Officers while the others are used in training scenarios.

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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