



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-01788

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Numbers of Police Officers Attached to Departments

Request and Answer:

Question 1

The Chief Constable was recently on the radio, and indicated that he has almost 7,000 officers. Can you please advise me how the 7,000 are divided into departments?

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 at 5th June 2015, the distribution of Regular Police Officers and Police Officers Part-Time is as follows –

Department	Regular Police Officers	Police Officers Part-Time	Grand Total
District Policing*	3670	457	4127
Command	13		13
Corporate Communications	2		2
Crime Ops	1834		1834
Fin & Support	4		4
HR Dept	157		157
Op Support	851		851
Service Improvement	122		122
Service Overheads**	172		172
Grand Total	6825	457	7282

*Includes all District Policing Command and Districts police.

**Includes Staff Associations, Trainees, Career Breaks and Secondments.

Question 2

How many are dedicated to Response (not TSG, Firearms, etc)?

Answer

1895 Regular Police Officers are currently recorded as Duty Type – Response.

Question 3

Could you also advise me how many civil servants are currently employed by the PSNI?

Answer

The PSNI do not have any staff recorded as Civil Servants. All civilian staff are now recorded as Direct Recruits. The number of Direct Recruits as at 5th June 2015 was 2456.

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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