



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-02170

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Cost of Policing Twaddell Avenue Protest

Request and Answer:

Question 1

I would like the PSNI to provide me with the total cost of policing the nightly peaceful protest at Twadell Avenue roundabout on the 1st July 2015.

Answer

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested and the response is as follows.

The total cost of policing was £15,685.

Question 2

I would also ask if it is possible to have a breakdown of how the total cost was occurred.

Answer

Total opportunity costs (primarily Duty Time) £13,603.

Total additional costs (primarily Overtime) £2,082.

Question 3

I would ask if the PSNI could provide me with total cost of policing the nightly peaceful protest at Twadell Avenue roundabout between the dates of 1st July 2015 and 6th July 2015.

Answer

Total Opportunity Costs for the 6 days from Wednesday, 1st July 2015 to Monday, 6th July 2015 (mainly Duty Time) £76,372.

Total Additional Costs for the 6 days from Wednesday, 1st July 2015 to Monday, 6th July 2015 (mainly Overtime) £25,313.

Total Cost £101,685.

Question 4

I would ask if the PSNI could provide me with total cost of policing the nightly peaceful protest at Twadell Avenue roundabout since the nightly peaceful protests started.

Answer

The indicative costings provided immediately below cover the 680-day period from the first Gold meeting on 20/08/2013 to 30/06/2015. They refer to all costs incurred in relation to policing the Twaddell protest/parade and the associated security operation.

Total opportunity costs (primarily Duty Time) £5,207,323.

Total additional costs (primarily Overtime) £11,784,087.

Total Costs £16,991,411.

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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