



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2015-01012

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** Correspondence On Police Budget Cuts

### Request and Answer:

#### Question

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for copies of correspondence (including letters, emails, faxes and similar) between senior officers and the Home Office in the last six months (from October 1, 2014 onwards) that make reference to concerns about police budget cuts. By senior officers, I mean Chief Constable, Deputy Chief Constable, and Assistant Chief Constable level in non-London forces; Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, and Assistant Commissioner level in the Metropolitan force; and, Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner in the City of London Police.

#### Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Note: The PSNI's budget is the responsibility of the Northern Ireland Department of Justice and so there would be no such correspondence sent to the Home Office by the PSNI regarding this subject.

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](mailto: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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psnipolice.uk](http://www.psnipolice.uk)

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.