



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2015-00806

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** Notifiable Memberships

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

The number of PSNI personnel whose registered interests include membership of the Loyal Orange Orders.

#### 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.

95 PSNI officers declared they had membership of the Loyal Orange Orders.

#### Question 2

The percentage of PSNI personnel this equates to.

#### Answer

The strength of the PSNI is currently 6854 regular officers and 468 police officers part-time, totalling 7322, equating to 1.3%.

#### Question 3

The number of PSNI personnel whose registered interests include membership of the Gaelic Athletic Association.

#### Answer

Section 51 of the Police Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 places an obligation on officers to declare whether or not they are a member of an organisation which may reasonably be perceived as affecting their ability to discharge their duties impartially. Following statutory consultations, the Chief Constable determined that the membership of the following organisations were identified as notifiable;

Ancient Order of Hibernians  
Apprentice Boys of Derry Association  
Freemasons  
Independent Orange Order  
Knights of St Columbanus

Loyal Orange Institution (including the Women's Orange Order)  
Royal Black Institution

The Gaelic Athletic Association is not identified as a 'notifiable', therefore membership declaration is not required.

**Question 4**

The percentage of PSNI personnel this equates to.

**Answer**

No information held.

**Question 5**

The number of PSNI personnel whose registered interests include membership of the Royal Black Preceptory.

**Answer**

46 PSNI officers declared membership of the Royal Black Institution.

**Question 6**

The percentage of PSNI personnel this equates to.

**Answer**

The percentage is 0.6%.

**Question 7**

The number of PSNI personnel whose registered interests include membership of the Irish National Foresters (INF).

**Answer**

No information held (please see response to question 3).

**Question 8**

The percentage of PSNI personnel this equates to.

**Answer**

No information held.

**Question 9**

The number of PSNI personnel whose registered interests include membership of the Apprentice Boys.

**Answer**

19 PSNI officers declared membership of the Apprentice Boys of Derry Association.

**Question 10**

The percentage of PSNI personnel this equates to.

**Answer**

The percentage this equates to is 0.2%.

**Question 11**

The number of PSNI personnel whose registered interests include membership of the Ancient Order of Hibernian (AOH).

**Answer**

1 PSNI officer declared membership of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

**Question 12**

The percentage of PSNI personnel this equates to.

**Answer**

The percentage this equates to is 0.01%.

The information supplied has been compiled by Discipline Branch, Service Improvement Department, which currently administers the Notifiable Membership Scheme on behalf of the Chief Constable.

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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