



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2015-01952

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** Number Of Freedom Of Information Requests Received

**Request and Answer:**

### Question 1

In each financial year of 2010/11-2014/15, how many freedom of information requests has the authority received?

### Question 2

In each financial year of 2010/11-2014/15 how many of those requests resulted in a full disclosure of information? How many resulted in a partial disclosure? How many resulted in a withheld response? How many resulted in a 'not held' response?

### Question 3

In each financial year of 2010/11-2014/15, how many of those requests which were withheld relied on the exemption at s. 31(1) and how many were withheld on the grounds of s. 12?

**Clarification:** I'm happy to receive one year's figure for the use of s.31. In that case, can I request the figures for the financial year of 2014/15?

### Question 4

In each financial year of 2010/11-2014/15, how many internal reviews were undertaken?

### 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.

**N.B.** Each financial year is calculated from and including 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March

**N.B.** Searches for data on withheld responses included the following criteria: vexatious, exemptions applied, neither confirm nor deny, repeated request, future publication and information reasonably accessible other means. S12, Overcost, is a response on its own and is not included in the 'withheld responses' data.

Please see the table below detailing the information you have requested.

Year	No Of Requests Received	Full	Partial	Withheld Responses	Not Held	S31	S12	Internal Review
2010/11	956	389	114	155	35		176	40
2011/12	1023	434	115	123	63		175	47
2012/13	955	461	85	114	58		174	38
2013/14	1237	636	100	123	71		201	32
2014/15	1295	708	125	89	76	27	155	30

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.

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.psnj.police.uk](http://www.psnj.police.uk)

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