



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-02237

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: PSNI Training Assistance to Other Countries for Last 5 Years

Request and Answer:

Question

Has the PSNI received any requests within the last 5 years from other countries requesting PSNI help with training etc of their own police forces?

If so could you list the countries and the number of officers sent and the length time they were sent for?

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.

A search of our records was carried out and in the last five years, from January 2010 to June 2015, a total of 28 PSNI officers and 1 civilian member of staff have been sent to other countries as a result of requests from foreign police forces or governments. These requests came from the countries of Albania, Armenia, Bahrain, Croatia, Kosovo, Oman and Qatar and in total PSNI staff members have spent 357.5 days assisting these foreign countries. A breakdown showing the number of days the PSNI has assisted each country is provided in the table below.

Country	Number of Days	Number of Officers	Number of Civilians
Croatia	168	6	1
Kosovo	142.5	12	0
Albania	20	3	0
Oman	10	2	0
Bahrain	8	2	0
Armenia	5	1	0
Qatar	4	2	0
Total	357.5	28	1

Please note that all of these overseas visits were facilitated by the 'Northern Ireland Co-operation Overseas Ltd' and approved by the NI Policing Board and the Department of Justice.

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.

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.

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