



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2016-00993

Keyword: Complaints/Discipline

Subject: Failure to Disclose Business Interests

Request and Answer:

Question 1

For the past 10 years (data provided by the year i.e. 2016, 2015, 2014 etc), how many officers have been investigated by PSD for failing to disclose a business interest.

Answer

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

The table below outlines the number of PSNI officers who have been investigated by Discipline Branch (formerly Professional Standards Department) in the last ten years in relation to allegations of having a business interest or secondary occupation without prior disclosure.

Year	Number of officers Investigated
2007	2
2008	0
2009	0
2010	0
2011	1
2012	0
2013	0
2014	1
2015	0
2016	1

Question 2

For the past 10 years (data provided by the year i.e. 2016, 2015, 2014 etc), how many officers have been investigated by PSD for failing to disclose the business interest of renting a property.

Answer

No officer has been investigated by Discipline Branch for failing to disclose the business interest of renting a property in the past ten years.

Question 3

For the figures at 1 and 2 break down the figures by the reporting person, where known, as being from a police officer or a member of the public.

Answer

Information held in relation to the reporting persons for of these investigations shows that there was 1 case in 2007 and 1 case in 2014 where the reporting person was a police officer, and 1 case in 2007 where the reporting person was a member of the public. There is no information held with regard to the nature of the reporting persons in the remaining 2 cases.

Question 4

For the figures at 1 and 2 please detail the punishments afforded to officers per year.

Answer

The table below outlines the disciplinary sanctions furnished to the officers as a result of these disciplinary investigations. In a number of these investigations further misconduct issues were detected, which is reflected in the level of sanction imposed;

Year	Disciplinary Sanction
2007	1 x Superintendent's Written Warning 1 x No Further Action
2011	1 x Superintendent's Written Warning
2014	1 x Management Discussion
2016	1 x Advice and Guidance

Question 5

Since the implementation of the Landlord registration Scheme in Northern Ireland how many police officers in the PSNI have been referred to PSD for investigation for not registering.

Answer

Since the implementation of the Landlord registration scheme in Northern Ireland, there have been no officers referred to Discipline Branch for not registering.

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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