



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-03604

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Compensation Payments To PSNI Officers And Staff

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Can you provide me with information regarding compensation paid to police officers and staff in the last two years? How many personal injury claims were paid out in the last two years?

Question 2

What was the nature of the claim (date, location type of injury etc)?

Question 3

How much was paid out to the claimant in each instance?

Question 4

If a serving officer, what rank was claimant?

Clarification Sought: PSNI may be able to provide an answer to question 1. However, I have been informed that to provide an answer for questions 2-4 in the detail you are requesting would put your request overcost as each file would have to be opened and read to check for and extract the information you are seeking. In addition as the settlements made are on terms endorsed it would mean that giving specific information such as location, date and rank would mean that it may be possible to identify the person concerned and therefore PSNI would be breaching the settlement terms and therefore this part would attract exemptions. It may be possible to provide general information in respect of questions 2-4 such as the broad categories of claim, the number of claims settled each month and the amount paid each month.

Clarification Received: If there are issues of cost and identification, etc. with questions ii - iv, then I would happy just to proceed instead with the broad categories you have suggested.

Answer 1-3

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.

Please see the data table on pages numbered 1 - 2 giving a general breakdown of all the claims settled as requested in your clarification to answer questions 1-3.

Question 4

If a serving officer, what rank was claimant?

Answer

Question 4 withdrawn.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

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

PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS PAID FROM 1 OCT 13 TO 31 OCT 15

| MONTH | HEARING LOSS | | SLIPS/TRIPS/FALLS | | RTC INJURIES | | TRAINING | | OTHER | |
|--------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| | No. Settled | Amount | No. Settled | Amount | No. Settled | Amount | No. Settled | Amount | No. Settled | Amount |
| Oct-13 | 175 | £1,215,365.00 | 1 | £30,297.00 | | | 1 | £3,522.00 | 1 | £225,000.00 |
| Nov-13 | 118 | £740,377.00 | 5 | £30,784.00 | 1 | £15,000.00 | 1 | £12,500.00 | | |
| Dec-13 | 102 | £644,117.00 | 2 | £3,600.00 | 1 | £17,500.00 | | | 1 | £1,500.00 |
| Jan-14 | 121 | £723,083.00 | | | 1 | £80,000.00 | | | 1 | £2,750.00 |
| Feb-14 | 122 | £759,830.00 | | | 3 | £19,783.00 | | | 1 | £8,750.00 |
| Mar-14 | 92 | £527,891.00 | 2 | £41,174.00 | 2 | £12,667.00 | 1 | £11,943.00 | 2 | £31,000.00 |
| Apr-14 | 101 | £544,670.00 | | | 2 | £5,300.00 | | | | |
| May-14 | 109 | £561,098.00 | | | 1 | £9,991.00 | | | 1 | £4,000.00 |
| Jun-14 | 106 | £573,788.00 | | | 2 | £8,127.00 | | | 1 | £3,500.00 |
| Jul-14 | 65 | £321,848.00 | | | | | | | | |
| Aug-14 | 20 | £68,517.00 | 2 | £9,375.00 | 2 | £15,714.00 | | | | |
| Sep-14 | 63 | £323,749.00 | | | 5 | £22,630.00 | | | 2 | £7,878.00 |

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| Oct-14 | 120 | £536,308.00 | 1 | £4,000.00 | 1 | £3,000.00 | | | 3 | £18,400.00 |
| Nov-14 | 118 | £487,694.00 | | | 1 | £5,000.00 | | | 1 | £6,000.00 |
| Dec-14 | 87 | £409,354.00 | 1 | £15,000.00 | 1 | £7,874.00 | | | 3 | £11,300.00 |
| Jan-15 | 83 | £302,615.00 | 2 | £8,500.00 | 2 | £8,620.00 | 1 | £7,500.00 | 1 | £3,000.00 |
| Feb-15 | 115 | £471,619.00 | 1 | £3,500.00 | | | | | 1 | £8,500.00 |
| Mar-15 | 93 | £404,393.00 | | | | | | | 1 | £15,000.00 |
| Apr-15 | 68 | £292,610.00 | 2 | £35,250.00 | 1 | £5,833.00 | | | | |
| May-15 | 104 | £398,707.00 | 4 | £19,700.00 | | | 2 | £9,000.00 | 2 | £7,000.00 |
| Jun-15 | 133 | £499,421.00 | | | 4 | £47,500.00 | | | 1 | £12,500.00 |
| Jul-15 | 60 | £235,121.00 | 3 | £100,500.00 | | | | | | |
| Aug-15 | 38 | £115,584.00 | | | 1 | £37,500.00 | | | | |
| Sep-15 | 95 | £353,438.00 | | | | | | | | |
| Oct-15 | 107 | £391,186.00 | 2 | £9,250.00 | 2 | £32,172.00 | | | 1 | £25,000.00 |
| TOTAL | 2415 | £11,902,383.00 | 28 | £310,930.00 | 33 | £354,211.00 | 6 | £44,465.00 | 24 | £391,078.00 |