



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2016-00307

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Financial Projections

Request and Answer:

Question 1

What estimate has been made of any real-terms reductions in the income received by the force from the Home Office in the following years -

2016/17
2017/18
2018/19
2019/20

Please include in your response any documents setting out forward financial projections (redacted or in full).

Answer

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

The PSNI does not receive funding directly from the Home Office.

Question 2

What estimate has been made of any real-terms reductions in spending by the force in the following years -

2016/17
2017/18
2018/19
2019/20

Answer

No information held as no estimate has been carried out.

Question 3

What projections have been made of the impact on the force of any proposed reductions in the police grant formula allocation and can you outline any planned workforce reductions.

Answer

This question is not applicable due to the answers to questions 1 and 2.

Question 4

Does the force have a modernisation programme to meet the demands of further reductions in funding? Please provide full details and costings of any such programmes.

Clarification Sought

The record holder has advised that full details and costings of modernisation programmes are not held centrally and would not be available within the 18 hours permitted under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Would you be content to receive the information which may be available subject to any FOI exemptions which may apply?

Clarification Received

Many thanks for your response. I would be grateful to receive the information which may be available subject to any FOI exemptions which may apply.

Answer

The PSNI has recently commenced the Priority Based Resourcing Project (PBR). PBR is one element of a number of factors being considered by the organisation around potential options to respond to an environment of reducing resources. PBR involves a programme of work to prioritise all of the services delivered by the PSNI.

Each service is costed to allow an understanding of the total cost of delivering it. Across the organisation an exercise is then undertaken to identify potential changes that could be made to the way services are delivered, opportunities for influencing demands for service and the level to which each service is delivered.

Each potential change is then assessed to understand risks and impacts that could occur and costs that could be reduced or incurred if the change was implemented. All of this information is then used to match available resources with the prioritised services that will be delivered by the PSNI and in particular help to establish a process to continuously drive further efficiencies and performance improvements.

Question 5

What estimate has been made of the cost to the force of (a) the apprenticeship levy and (b) the single tier pension?

Answer

£9 million.

Question 6

Has the force spent any money obtaining ACORN 5 data from CACI limited since 14 July 2015? If so, how much?

Answer

The PSNI has not spent any money obtaining ACORN 5 data from CACI limited since 14 July 2015.

Question 7

What has been the total cost to the force to date of engaging in the Home Office consultation on reform of the police funding formula?

Answer

There has been no cost to the PSNI to date regarding engaging in the Home Office consultation on reform of the police funding formula as the PSNI does not receive funding direct from the Home

Office.

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