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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2016-00028

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Officers with Registered Business Interests

Request and Answer:

Question

Please can you give details of any serving police officers across your force with a registered non-policing job or business interest?

I'd like to know how many officers have registered a business interest or other job; what rank each of those individuals are; and what is the job / business interest of each. That is, for each individual I would like to know their rank and the job / business interest they have registered.

Amendment Received

I would like to amend the below request made this afternoon, as I have realised that I did not include a time frame.

I would be grateful if you could supply the most up to date figures which are correct as of January 2016. If the most recently collated information relates to 2015 that is fine.

In addition, and providing you hold this information: please could you supply the same figures below for the four previous years?

I.e. Please provide the same information as it was recorded in January 2014, January 2013, and January 2012.

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 officers currently serving who have registered a business interest, categorised by business interest type and rank as at January 2016;

Current Business Interests of serving officers within PSNI, by category, rank & year of application

Business Interest Category	Year of application	Constable	Sergeant	Inspector	Chief Inspector	Superintending ranks	Total
1 - Arts & Crafts	2005	1					1
	2007	1	1				2
	2010	1	1				2
	2011			1			1
	2012	3	2				5
	2013	4					4
	2014	9	1				10
	2015	6	1				7
1 - Arts & Crafts Total		25	6	1			32
2 - Building / Home Improvements	2006	1					1
	2007	1					1
	2014	2					2
	2015	1	2	1		1	5
2 - Building / Home Improvements Total		5	2	1		1	9
3 - Care / Community work	2006	1					1
	2008	2					2
	2009					1	1
	2010		1				1
	2011	1	1				2
	2014	1					1
	2015	2		1		1	4
3 - Care / Community work Total		7	2	1		2	12
4 - Driving / Delivery	2003		1				1
	2007		1				1
	2008	1		1			2
	2010	1					1
	2012	1					1
	2013	1					1
	2014	2					2
	2015	2					2
	2016	1					1
4 - Driving / Delivery Total		9	2	1			12
5 - Entertainment	2006	1					1
	2007	1	1				2
	2010	3	1				4
	2011	1					1
	2012	1					1
	2013	1					1
	2014	2					2
	2015	3					3
5 - Entertainment Total		13	2				15

6 - Farming	2003		1				1
	2004	1	1				2
	2007	1					1
	2009			1			1
	2010	1	1				2
	2012		1				1
	2013	1					1
	2014			1			1
	2015	4	1				5
6 - Farming Total		8	5	2			15
7 - Finance	2013	1					1
7 - Finance Total		1					1
8 - Health, Fitness & Well-being	2001	1					1
	2007	1					1
	2008	1		1			2
	2009	2		2	1		5
	2011	2					2
	2012	1	2				3
	2013	1	1				2
	2014	1			1		2
2015	10	1		1		12	
8 - Health, Fitness & Well-being Total		20	4	3	3		30
9 - IT	2004					1	1
	2006		1				1
	2013			1			1
	2014	2					2
9 - IT Total		2	1	1		1	5
10 - Property	1999	1					1
	2003				1		1
	2004	2					2
	2005	2					2
	2006	2	1				3
	2007	1					1
	2008	3	1	2			6
	2009	2	1		1		4
	2010	5	4	1			10
	2011	4	3	1		1	9
	2012	12	5	1			18
	2013	9	2	2	1	1	15
	2014	13	2	1	1		17
2015	137	53	15	2	2	209	
10 - Property Total		193	72	23	6	4	298
11 - Sales / Retail	2000		1				1
	2001	1					1
	2002	1					1
	2003	1					1
	2006	1					1
	2007	1		1			2
	2010	1					1
	2011	4					4

	2012	1				1	
	2013	2				2	
	2014	5				5	
	2015	8	1			9	
11 - Sales / Retail Total		26	2	1		29	
12 - Tourism	2006	1				1	
	2009			1		1	
	2015	2	1			3	
12 - Tourism Total		3	1	1		5	
13 - Training / tutoring	2002		1			1	
	2006	1				1	
	2007	1	1			2	
	2008	1				1	
	2009	1			1	2	
	2010			2		2	
	2011	2	1			3	
	2012		2			2	
	2013	2		1		3	
	2014	2	1	1		4	
	2015	1				1	
13 - Training / tutoring Total		11	6	4	1	22	
14 - Vehicle valeting / maintenance	2001		1	1		2	
	2012	1				1	
	2014	1				1	
14 - Vehicle valeting / maintenance Total		2	1	1		4	
15 - Author / Historian	2006	1				1	
	2012				1	1	
	2015	1		1		2	
15 - Author / Historian Total		2		1	1	4	
16 - Administration / office work	2012		1			1	
	2014	1				1	
16 - Administration / office work Total		1	1			2	
Misc	2010				1	1	
	2012		1			1	
	2014		1			1	
	2015		1			1	
Misc Total			3		1	4	
Grand Total		328	110	41	10	10	499

Note:

60% (298) of the registered business interests relate to property letting / development. The vast majority of these were applied for in 2015 following an e-mail to the Service advising that property letting was to be registered as a business interest.

Unfortunately the system containing the Business Register is not capable of retrieving historic information, however I have attached previous Freedom of Information requests from 2012, 2013 and 2014 showing information from previous time-frames that hopefully is of assistance.

The information supplied has been compiled by Discipline Branch, Service Improvement Department.

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.

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