



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2017-02032

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Overtime and Cancelled Rest Days

Request and Answer:

Question 1

I am writing requesting details pertaining to working arrangements. On how many occasions in each year from 2010 to date, police officers in this force have operated on lone patrols?

Question 2

What was the total number of hours overtime incurred for police officers in this force in each year from 2010 to date?

Question 3

What was the average number of hours overtime incurred for police officers in this force in each year from 2010 to date?

Question 4

What was the total number of rest days cancelled for police officers in this force in each year from 2010 to date?

Clarification Requested

Please advise if questions 2 to 4 refer only to lone patrols.

Clarification Supplied

No it doesn't only refer to lone patrols. Thinking about it though we haven't been able to get information on lone patrols. For this reason we would like to remove point 1 from the request but retain points 2, 3 and 4.

Question 2

What was the total number of hours overtime incurred for police officers in this force in each year from 2010 to date?

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.

Please find table below showing the number of hours overtime recorded from 2010 to present broken

down by financial year. Please note only Sergeants and Constables can claim overtime and records are only available from 1st June 2010 when electronic payments commenced.

Year	Hours
2010/11 (From 01-06-2010)	1320699
2011/12	1756823
2012/13	2059169
2013/14	2209631
2014/15	1704318
2015/16	1715358
2016/17	1787406
2017/18 (To 31-08-2017)	701261.6

Question 3

What was the average number of hours overtime incurred for police officers in this force in each year from 2010 to date?

Answer

Please find table below showing the average number of hours overtime from 2010 to present broken down by financial year. Please note only Sergeants and Constables can claim overtime and records are only available from 1st June 2010 when electronic payments commenced.

Year	Average
2010/11 (From 01-06-2010)	246.3071
2011/12	325.0366
2012/13	376.1726
2013/14	381.8266
2014/15	284.3374
2015/16	284.9432
2016/17	295.1464
2017/18 (To 31-08-2017)	127.4558

Question 4

What was the total number of rest days cancelled for police officers in this force in each year from 2010 to date?

Answer

Please find table below showing the number of rest days cancelled from 2010 to present broken down by financial year. Please note that not all of the current years cancelled rest days will have been accounted for as yet.

Year	Days
2010/11	42,592
2011/12	45,805
2012/13	46,142
2013/14	39,202
2014/15	41,504
2015/16	39,136
2016/17	41,248
2017/18	37,663

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