



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-01465

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Terrorist Legacy Investigations

Request and Answer:

Request

I am writing to request under the Freedom of Information Act due to the number of crown forces being investigated recently, how many terrorist legacy cases are being investigated i.e., IRA, UVF etc. are being investigated whether crown forces were murdered or civilians.

Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

However, Legacy Investigation Branch has provided figures which you may find useful. There are 1134 cases currently within the caseload of Legacy Investigation Branch to be reviewed. These 1134 cases equate to 1425 deceased persons. The following is a breakdown of these 1425 deaths by attribution:

Republican Responsibility	586
Loyalist Responsibility	294
Security Force Responsibility	340
Unknown Responsibility	69
Non-Terrorist	136

The work to input all relevant data onto the database for every case is ongoing. This means therefore there are still gaps in information in some cases. As such data is subject to change, as new information becomes available.

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.