



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-01285

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Police Escort Of Abnormal Loads

Request and 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.

Please provide the following information, for your jurisdiction, with regard to Police Escorting of Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AIL) as described by The Road Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (General) Order 2003.

Request 1

How many abnormal load notifications were received between April 2016 – April 2017?

Answer

A total of 5404.

Request 2

How many AIL police escorts were undertaken between April 2016 – April 2017?

Answer

The recorded figures are a total of 397 requests for escort.

Request 3

What is the total invoiced amount for these escorts?

Answer

A total of £797,420.72 excluding vat.

Request 4

What is the total amount which remains unpaid for the escorts?

Answer

A total of £1,649.62.

Request 5

Out of the total amount unpaid how much has been 'written off' as bad debt?

Response

Nothing written off as bad debt.

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.

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