



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-01854

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** Ballymurphy Inquest

### 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 some information to which your request relates and this is being provided to you.

### Request

I am writing to request a breakdown of the total cost and expense incurred to date relating to preparatory and investigative work carried out in relation to the Ballymurphy Inquest.

Please let me have a breakdown of costs and expenses incurred in relation to the following:-

1. Solicitors fees
2. Junior and Senior Counsel fees
3. General administration
4. Any other costs and expenses

Further to this, please let me have an estimation of the daily cost for each day of the hearing with respect to the above points.

### Answer

The PSNI Legacy Support Unit has advised the Ballymurphy Inquest is presently at hearing. To date no Counsel Fees have been raised and so most of the information sought is not available at this time. However PSNI Legal Services have advised from November 2014 to date legal fees totalling £59,209.39 have been paid. As the Ballymurphy Inquest is being heard at present further legal bills are expected.

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](mailto: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](http://www.psni.police.uk)

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