



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-01117

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Environmental Impact Reduction

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.

Request

I would also like information on the PSNI's methods to reduce its environmental impact. Such as will the police be using hybrid or alternative fuelled vehicles and will police stations or sites be installing solar panels and other alternative energy production in the near future? What percentage of the PSNI budget is allocated to "greening" the service in line with the government's commitment to reduce emissions and slow the impact of climate change?

Answer

The Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) will be using hybrid or alternative fuelled vehicles. The PSNI recognises the need to be compliant with legislation which relates to our environmental aspects, as a minimum level of performance. The PSNI monitors the principles and responsibilities of sustainable development and environmental management and aims to incorporate them into day to day business activities.

Key sustainability objectives within Estate Services Branch for the forthcoming year include:

1. Development of the business case and implementation of a Photovoltaic (PV) pilot scheme on the Estate. The first units were commissioned in 2018. We are working on potential PV proposals at the moment
2. LED lighting is now used as the default choice for all new installations and refurbishments.
3. Replacing old boilers to gas condensing boilers.

15 % of the Property Management budget within this financial year is directed towards reducing energy efficiency and switching to low carbon fuels. 10% of which is required by Building Control for consequential improvements.

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.