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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2021-00046

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Compensation paid under the Terrorism Act 2000

Request and Answer:

Request 1

I would like to know the number of times that compensation has been paid in the 12 months between January 1st 2020 and December 1st 2020.

Damage caused to person's dwellings (either public or private) that were searched using a warrant under the Terrorism Act (2000), where no charges were brought against the owners;

- (a) the amount paid in compensation in each instance including a 12 month total; and
- (b) whether the compensation was settled in or out of court; and
- (c) whether they were for items or individual/s.

Request 2

Damage caused to person's dwellings (either public or private) that were mistakenly searched using a warrant under the Terrorism Act (2000), where the address of the alleged offender was incorrect; and;

- (a) the amount paid in compensation in each instance including a 12 month total; and
- (b) whether the compensation was settled in or out of court; and
- (c) whether they were for items or individual/s.

Answers

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1) (a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold information in relation to your requests. Enquiries made in relation to your request failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

PSNI Legal Services are not responsible for claims under the Terrorism Act (2000). To assist, please note the Department of Justice is responsible for claims of this nature.

Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 Corporate Information Branch, 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.psnj.police.uk

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