



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2021-00812

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Cost of Policing Bobby Storey Funeral

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of information Act 2000 ('FOIA') I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to provide you with the information.

You made the following request to PSNI:

Request

"I would like to request details of the cost of the policing operation put in place for a funeral in west Belfast last year. Please disclose the following:

The overall or estimated cost of the policing operation put in place for the funeral in west Belfast of prominent republican Bobby Storey on June 30 2020.

If it is not possible to collate all the costs, please provide an estimate or a summation of only those costs which are readily retrievable within the time and cost constraints of the FOI Act."

Answer

The **estimated** cost to PSNI is a total of £18,861.

As above, this is an estimated cost. Where costs are not fixed, some parts are estimated including officer hours worked out using a ready reckoner rate. This is a calculation based on a generic cost per hour of officers at each rank. It does not account for an officer's actual hourly pay rates as the officers involved in the policing operation may have been on different hourly rates and be at different points in their respective pay spines.

Please also note that these estimated costs do not include any additional sundries i.e. transport, fuel etc. that would have been utilised for this event.

In addition PSNI officers may have been deployed and utilised as part of their normal duties in assisting with the policing of this event and this would not be centrally held as they were not specifically detailed to the event this information would not be recorded in retrievable format.

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.psni.police.uk

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