



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: FOI-2020-01532

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Financial Accounts

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 1

In your Financial accounts for the financial year 2019/20 do you have a section for “losses and special payments”?

Answer

Yes.

Request 2

If so how much money was accounted for in the 2019/2020 financial year as being "losses and special payments"? (Please note I am aware that the loss may have occurred many years earlier but I am interested in items which were accounted for in the last financial year, irrespective or when the loss took place.)

Answer

Total Accounted for £3,156,000.

Request 3

Please detail the three largest single amounts within this total, giving a cost for each loss and a detailed description of the claim and the reason for the loss.

Answer

The three largest items are special payments relating to legal fees paid to Plaintiff's solicitors for their legal costs which PSNI were liable for following compensation paid.

Payment 1 - £80,795.00 – refers to the payment of Plaintiff's legal costs following a successful claim for compensation alleging unlawful arrest.

Payment 2 - £79,816.00 - refers to the payment of Plaintiff's legal costs following a successful claim for compensation alleging unlawful arrest.

Payment 3 - £73,202.00 – refers to the payment of Plaintiff's legal costs following a successful claim for compensation alleging bullying and harassment.

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.

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