



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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Date: 23 November 2022

Request:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1) Details of any and all correspondences or meeting minutes with Mr [REDACTED] from the Mineral producer's association his staff/employees or listed members of the Mineral producer's association with members of the Northern Ireland policing board in relation to the MPA lobbying the policing board to make the PSNI and the Chief Constable look more favourable in its handling of contentious issues such as Dalradian Gold Ltd, Galantas Gold or Flintridge resources or any other companies wishing to extract precious metals or minerals in your jurisdiction as these companies would be possibly members of the MPA.

2) Details of any and all communications including letters emails or phone calls to the Policing Board or policing board member from any current or previous elected member of any political party wither they be MP, MLA or local council representatives relating to concern about the policing or the perceived miss handling to policing issues/policing surrounding Dalradian Gold limited or any other contentious companies wishing to extract precious metals or materials in the jurisdiction.

Answer

1)The Board does not hold any record of correspondence or minutes of meetings between Mr [REDACTED] and Policing Board Members. The Board does not hold records of Mr [REDACTED] staff or employees nor listed Members of the Mineral Producers Association and therefore we are unable to identify any such correspondence in respect of those individuals.

2)The Board does not hold any record of communication to the Board or its Members from any current elected member of any political Party relating to concern about policing issues in respect of the companies outlined in your question. The Board does not hold records of the previous political activity of those that correspond with the Board on any matter and therefore we are unable to identify any such correspondence in respect of those individuals.

If you have queries about this request or the decision please contact the Board quoting the reference number above. If you are unhappy with the service you have received and wish to make a complaint or request a review you should write to the Board's Chief Executive at the following address:

Northern Ireland Policing Board
Waterside Tower
31 Clarendon Road
Clarendon Dock
Belfast BT1 3BG

Email: foi@nipolicingboard.org.uk

You should contact the Board within 40 working days of this response.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot investigate or make a decision on a case unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Board. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Telephone: - 0303 1231114
Email: - ni@ico.org.uk

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