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FOI Reference number: FOI 01/2024

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Subject - The Legitimacy of PSNI Authority in Northern Ireland

Request 1.

Please confirm that the following is true and correct:

The Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) are a "Private Company" - that is registered in Dun and Bradstreet (Corporation) AKA "D&B" an American company headquartered in Jacksonville Florida USA, is then registered through The American Securities Exchange Commission in Washington DC, which is then registered by way of: Union Rights system, a Private Law system to the Vatican.

If any part of the above description is incorrect, please state which part and how/why it is incorrect.

Answer:

Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000. "An Act to make provision about Policing in Northern Ireland; and for connected purposes. Be it enacted by the Queens's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :-

Part 1 "Name of the Police in Northern Ireland (1) The body of constables known as the Royal Ulster Constabulary shall continue in being as the Police Service of Northern Ireland (incorporating the Royal Ulster Constabulary).

Request 2.

Please confirm that the following is true and correct:

The PSNI are NOT a Designated Public Authority (unlike, for eg: the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland - who are a Designated Public Authority).

If any part of the above description is incorrect, please state which part and how/why it is incorrect.

Answer:

The Police Service of Northern Ireland is a Non-Departmental Public Body within The Department of Justice (NI).

Request 3.

As Northern Ireland is currently a country without a Government and has not had a government for years, on what or whose Authority does the PSNI base and legitimise its powers to act as Police enforcing rules and laws upon the civilian inhabitants of Northern Ireland? Eg: the Monarch of England?

Answer: The creation of PSNI's is laid out in legislation, in particular, the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 enacted by the UK Parliament). Its powers are set out in a variety of other legislation, including the Police and Criminal Evidence Order 1989.

Request 4.

What gives the PSNI the right to arrest a person who does not consent to be governed?

Answer: The functions of the PSNI are laid out in full in the legislation The Police and Criminal Evidence Order 1989. Arrest powers are set out in articles 26 onwards. Consent is not necessary.

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