



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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Request:

1. Since the start of the scheme how many applications have there been from members/ex-members of the RUC/PSNI in relation to Injury on Duty Awards/Retrospective Injury on Duty Awards?
2. How many of these applications have cited the actions of the RUC/PSNI and/or their employees as being responsible for their injuries (mental or physical)?
3. How many of the applications if any were successful?

Answer

1. The Board (formerly the Police Authority for Northern Ireland) has administered Injury on Duty Awards since 1999. The Board does not hold the specific information in the format requested. However, the following table details the total number of applications referred to the Board's Selected Medical Practitioner (SMP) for a decision since January 2005.

Number of Cases referred to the SMP	Regulars		Reserves		Total
	Ex	Serving	Ex	Serving	
January 2005 to February 2006 [^]	90	43	34	29	196
March 2006 [†] to March 2007	101	38	26	5	170
April 2007 to March 2008	165	30	20	14	229
April 2008 to March 2009	191	47	37	4	279
April 2009 to March 2010	116	23	32	1	172
April 2010 to January 2011 [*]	161	15	18	-	194
April 2011 to March 2012	174	32	32	-	238
April 2012 to March 2013	247	43	80	-	370
April 2013 to March 2014	225	44	52	-	321

^ Statistics for referrals in 2005 and 2006 are recorded as a total figure from January 2005 to February 2006 and cannot be broken down to follow the financial year (April to March).

† A breakdown for March 2006 is unavailable.

* Statistics for February 2011 – March 2011 were unavailable.

These statistics are the best available information held by the Board but may not be accurate and should not therefore be relied upon.

2. The Board does not hold specific information on the total number of applications by reference to the nature of the injuries involved.
3. The Board does not hold the specific information in the format requested. However, the following table records all successful applications reported to the Board's Resources Committee (formerly the Human Resources Committee) since September 2006.

Successful applications reported to Committee		
	Serving	Former
Sep-06	2	5
Oct-06	2	7
Nov & Dec 06	2	7
Jan & Feb 07	3	7
Mar & Apr 07	3	4
Jul-07	2	6
Aug-07	3	1
Sep-07	4	0
Oct & Nov 07	8	29
Dec-07	6	8
Jan-08	1	10
Feb-08	1	10
Mar-08	0	5
Apr-08	1	10
May-08	3	5
Jun & July 08	5	12
Aug & Sept 08	4	22
Oct & Nov 08	1	0
Dec-08	2	3
Jan-09	1	5
Feb & Mar 09	3	8
Apr-09	0	4
May - Jul 09	4	9
Aug & Sept 09	6	10
Oct-09	0	5
Nov & Dec 09	1	9
Jan & Feb 10	1	10
Mar-10	1	12
Apr - Jul 10	1	21

Successful applications reported to Committee		
	Serving	Former
Aug & Sept 10	0	14
Oct - Dec 10	2	2
Jan-11	0	6
Feb-11	0	2
Mar-11	0	4
Apr - Jun 11	5	34
July - Oct 11	4	40
Nov 11-Feb 12	5	47
Mar - May 12	8	43
Jun - Aug 12	3	23
Sept12-Apr 13	10	99
May - Oct 13	7	64
Nov13-Feb14	1	36
Feb - May 14	6	43
Jun - Aug 14	2	21
Sept - Nov 14	2	18
Dec14-Mar15	8	12
TOTAL	134	752

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The Information Commissioner's Office – Northern Ireland
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Belfast
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