



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

FOI Reference number: 28/2013

Date: 03 July 2013

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request a copy of the paper* submitted by PSNI to the Human Resources Committee of the Northern Ireland Policing Board regarding international secondment of PSNI officers to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

*This paper is referred to at point 15.1 in the minutes of the Northern Ireland Policing Board Human Resources Committee meeting that was held on 12/02/2009. A link to these minutes is available here: www.nipolicingboard.org.uk/12_february_2009_hrc_minutes.pdf

I remind you of your duty under Section 16 of the FOIA 2000 to provide advice and assistance.

Answer:

Please find attached a copy of the paper submitted to Human Resources Committee regarding this secondment. For clarity, I would advise that this paper was prepared by Policing Board Officials and not PSNI.

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:

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The Information Commissioner's Office – Northern Ireland
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HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 12 February 2009

REQUEST FOR INTERNATIONAL SECONDMENT – SRI LANKA

1. Purpose of Paper

- 1.1 To inform Members of a request received on 9 February 2009 from PSNI seeking approval for international secondments to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) (Sri Lanka) in respect of ACC McCausland and two officers.

2. Background

- 2.1 Subject to the provisions of Section 8 of the Police (NI) Act 2000, the Board may provide advice, assistance and grant approval to:-

- an application for approval for International Secondment;
- an international organisation or institution;
- any other person or body engaged outside the UK on the carrying on of activities similar to any carried on by the Board or the Chief Constable.

3. Detail

- 3.1 The project will require limited and short-term assistance from PSNI over a period of six months. It is envisaged that a maximum of two/three officers would travel to Sri Lanka in order to provide guidance in developing a community policing strategy and to act as a 'critical friend' to the Sri Lankan Police in designing the necessary changes to their existing structures and help develop post conflict policing as well as criminal justice structures. It is anticipated by the FCO that the project would require a maximum of three visits of approximately 10 days duration, however this will be finalised after the initial visit with the Sri Lankan Government and may reduce. There will be no financial burden to PSNI other than the abstraction of the participating officers.

- 3.2 The Chief Constable fully supports this secondment application.

4. **General Considerations**

4.1 **Resources** – there are no resource implications for the Board.

4.2 **Equality and Human Rights** – there are no equality and human rights issues for the Board.

4.3 **Publication** – this paper would be available under Freedom of Information.

5. **Action**

5.1 Members are asked to APPROVE the international secondment request to the FCO in Sri Lanka in respect of ACC McCausland and two officers.

5.2 Following Members' approval an application will be made to the Northern Ireland Office for Secretary of State approval in line with the legislation.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS DIRECTORATE

February 2009

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