



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

FOI Reference number: 32/2017

Date: 6 September 2017

Request:

1. When was the Desertcreat College Site first acquired for the purposes of development as the Desertcreat College what price was paid, and to whom?
2. Were "land swap" transactions agreed with owners of individual tranches lots of nearby/adjoining land to complete/improve Desertcreat College Site?
3. If so how many such transactions were there, who were the sellers, and what prices were agreed in relation to each transaction?
4. Was a valuation of the Desertcreat College Site carried out prior to/at the time of its acquisition for the Desertcreat College development? If so, what was the valuation and who carried it out?

Answer:

1. The Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB) purchased the 230 acre site at Desertcreat, Co. Tyrone from Department of Agriculture in 2004 for £1.6 million.
2. Yes.
3. The exemption at Section 40(2) (Personal data of a third party) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies to this information. To release this information to you under the Freedom of Information Act would contravene the first Principle of the Data Protection Act 1998. This is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.
4. NIPB does not hold this information. Although NIPB is the legal owner of the police estate, all actions in relation to the police estate are delegated to the Chief Constable. Requests for information relating to land transactions and valuations might be more appropriately made to PSNI.

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Wilmslow
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