

**FOI/15/200**

**Title:** Mobile Device Usage and Hardware

Response to an FOI requesting information about mobile device usage and hardware.

**Detail:** Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/200 dated October 2015

**FOI/15/203**

**Title:** A list of non-British citizens employed centrally at the Northern Ireland Office.

Response to an FOI requesting a list of non-British citizens employed centrally at the Northern Ireland Office.

**Detail:** Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/203 dated October 2015

**FOI/15/204**

**Title:** Information about your current ICT contracts with third party suppliers.

Response to an FOI requesting information about your current ICT contracts with third party suppliers.

**Detail:** Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/204 dated November 2015

**FOI/15/205**

**Title:** National and London pay bands

Response to an FOI requesting information about national and London pay bands

**Detail:** Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/205 dated November 2015

**FOI/15/206**

**Title:** Information regarding the voluntary exit scheme

Response to an FOI requesting information about the voluntary exit scheme

**Detail:** Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/206 dated 2015

**FOI/15/208**

**Title:** Does NIO Store & process UK/EU citizen data in the US

Response to an FOI requesting information about whether the NIO stores & processes UK/EU citizen data in the US

**Detail:** Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/208 dated November 2015

**FOI/15/213**

**Title:** How long this 'temporary' retention of the Kincora files is likely to go on for, and when it can be expected for the material to be made available to the public at the National Archives?

Response to an FOI requesting information about how long this 'temporary' retention of the Kincora files is likely to go on for, and when it can be expected for the material to be made available to the public at the National Archives?

**Detail:** Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/213 dated November 2015

**FOI/15/214**

**Title:** Are NIO mobile contracts still on a rolling basis or have contracts been put into place now?

Response to an FOI requesting information about NIO mobile contracts

**Detail:** Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/214 dated November 2015

**FOI/15/215**

**Title:** Information about the spending on social media advertising campaigns in the NIO.

Response to an FOI requesting information about the spending on social media advertising campaigns in the NIO.

**Detail:** Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/215 dated November 2015

### **FOI/15/217**

**Title:** A breakdown of Loyalist & Republican ex-prisoners who have had their licences revoked under the terms of the Good Friday Agreement; number actually returned to prison

Response to an FOI requesting information on a breakdown of Loyalist & Republican ex-prisoners who have had their licences revoked under the terms of the Good Friday Agreement; number actually returned to prison

**Detail:** Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/217 dated November 2015

### **FOI/15/219**

**Title:** The amount spent by the department on training days and training courses for employees and civil servants for the following financial years: 2014/15, 2013/14, 2012/13.

Response to an FOI requesting information about the amount spent by the department on training days and training courses for employees and civil servants for the following financial years: 2014/15, 2013/14, 2012/13.

**Detail:** Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/219 dated November 2015

### **FOI/15/220**

**Title:** Information regarding secondments of your departments staff to organisations outside the public sector for the past two financial years (2013-14 and 2014-15).

Response to an FOI requesting information about secondments of your departments staff to organisations outside the public sector for the past two financial years (2013-14 and 2014-15).

**Detail:** Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/220 dated November 2015

### **FOI/15/221**

**Title:** Information on the amount spent on national security in Northern Ireland.

Response to an FOI requesting information about the amount spent on national security in Northern Ireland.

**Detail:** Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/221 dated November 2015

**FOI/15/222**

**Title:** Items reported lost by employees between October 2012 –October 2015

Response to an FOI requesting information about items reported lost by employees between October 2012 -October 2015.

**Detail:** Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/222 dated November 2015

**FOI/15/229**

**Title:** Since 2010 until the current date how many persons have received a pardon under the Royal prerogative of mercy?

Response to an FOI requesting information about how many persons have received a pardon under the Royal prerogative of mercy from 2010 to November 2015?

**Detail:** Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/229 dated November 2015

**FOI/15/234**

**Title:** Details of staff grades and the Northern Ireland Civil Service equivalent.

Response to an FOI requesting information about staff grades and the Northern Ireland Civil Service equivalent.

**Detail:** Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/234 dated December 2015

**FOI/15/235**

**Title:** Information about the introduction of a Family Test to policy making, announced by the Prime Minister in August 2014.

Response to an FOI requesting information about the introduction of a Family test to policy making, announced by the Prime Minister in August 2014.

**Detail:** Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/235 dated December 2015

**FOI/15/241**

**Title:** The cost of the Department's FOI-related litigation in the Information Tribunal and the cost of all litigation undertaken by the Department in 2014-15.

Response to an FOI requesting information about the cost of the Department's FOI-related litigation in the Information Tribunal and the cost of all litigation undertaken by the Department in 2014-15.

**Detail:** Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/241 dated December 2015

**FOI/15/243**

**Title:** Department costs of rebranding ISIS to Daesh

Response to an FOI requesting information about costs to the Department of rebranding ISIS to Daesh

**Detail:** Reply to Freedom of Information request FOI/15/243 dated December 2015

October 2015

**REFERENCE: FOI - 15/200**

You requested the release of the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO);

- 1) Please confirm the number of mobile phones or smartphones that are funded by the organisation and in use by the organisation.
- 2) The Name of the Organisation who acts as your mobile airtime service provider. (If multiple contracts are set up please confirm each specific provider).
  - 2.1) please confirm;
    - (a) the date the aforementioned contract(s) started.
    - (b) the date the aforementioned contract(s) ends.
    - (c) the date the contract(s) will be reviewed (prior to termination).
- 3) The number of mobile connections within the organisation. (If multiple contracts are set up please confirm each specific provider).
- 4) Are mobile phones and smart phones purchased separately or 'bundled' as part of the airtime agreement?
  - 4.1) If handsets are 'bundled' with an airtime agreement, – please provide a cost breakdown between the devices and the airtime contract. (*Example response maybe: The organisation has a contract where the handsets are zero cost although data and calls are paid for — Alternatively — Handsets were purchased at £50 each plus any calls and data.*)
  - 4.2) *If handsets are procured separately, please provide details of how many mobile phones or smart phones have been purchased during the previous three years. (Please detail year on year spend and physical number of devices acquired.)*
  - 4,3) *If Handsets are procured separately please could you confirm if the devices are leased or purchased outright.*
  - 4.4) *Does the organisation make ad-hoc purchases for Handsets during the normal contractual term.*



4.5) *Is the procurement process under a specific framework or does the organisation work independently of such a framework? Please provide details of framework if necessary.*

5) *Does the organisation purchase Tablets (for example – iPad's)?*

5.1) *If so, please provide details of how many individual devices have been purchased during the previous three years. Please detail year on year spend and physical number of devices procured.*

5.2) *Please could you confirm if the devices are leased or purchased outright.*

5.3) *Is the procurement process under a specific (please detail) framework or does the organisation work independently of such a framework?*

6) *Do you include mobile devices (Phones and Tablets) within you asset register?*

7) *If your mobile devices (Phones and Tablets) are not held on your central asset register, please clarify how you manage/trace the mobile devices during their lifecycle within the company.*

8) *What happens to mobile devices (Phones and Tablets) at the end of the contract term, or alternatively at the point of retirement?*

9) *What is the current process for removing all sensitive data from the devices (Phones and Tablets) at the end of the contract term, or alternatively at the point of retirement?*

9.1) *Please confirm the name of any third party companies involved in the retirement process, how long they have been contracted and when that contract is due to expire.*

10) *Please provide full details of the person who is ultimately responsible for the Airtime Contact. (Please include: Name, Position, E-mail address, Contact Phone Number. Office Location).*

11) *Please provide full details of the person who is ultimately responsible for the Procurement of Mobile Devices. (Please include: Name, Position, E-mail address, Contact Phone Number. Office Location).*

12) *What is your current accounting treatment for mobile phone assets?*

13) *What is the current method for Insuring your mobile devices in the event of loss, damage or theft?*

14) *Are Insurance services part of any current framework or would this service operate outside of any present framework agreement.*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

There are 42 mobile phones bought by and in use by the Department. The Department uses three suppliers for its mobiles – Vodafone, O2 and EE. This is because network coverage in Northern Ireland differs between the providers. There are no set start and end terms for contracts for each provider. Each handset has its own contract which comes with a 24-month term. This is the standard term for Government tariffs.



There are 42 mobile connections which are broken down as follows:-

- Vodafone: 23
- O2: 12
- EE: 7

Each handset is purchased individually rather than leased and are not part of a 'bundle' arrangement. The usage is paid for on each individual tariff rather than being part of an airtime agreement.

The number of mobile phones purchased during the past 3 years are as follows:-

- 2015/16: 2
- 2014/15: 8
- 2013/14: 10

Year on year spend on mobile phones is set out below:-

- 2015/16: £405.00
- 2014/15: £685.00
- 2013/14: £2231.00

The procurement of mobile phones is under the Crown Commercial Service PSN Services Framework RM1498.

The department has also purchased, as opposed to leased, the following numbers of tablets in the past three years, with associated costs:-

2015/16: 0 tablets purchased

2014/15: 3 tablets purchased – costing £1347.74

2013/14: 2 tablets purchased – costing £903.80

The tablets were purchased from a supplier from the PSN framework but are not under any specific lot number.

The mobile devices are all recorded on the asset register and they continue to be used until they are no longer required or malfunction. If they are no longer required, the connection is cancelled and the mobile stored until it can be re-issued to another user if and when required. If





a device malfunctions after its contract has expired, it is retained in a secure safe for future disposal.

All information is manually deleted from devices i.e. address lists and texts, and a factory reset is performed. They are removed from circulation until they are required for a new user within the Department. No third party companies are involved in the retirement process.

The person who is accountable for the procurement of devices and airtime tariffs is:-

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Business Delivery Group  
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Auditors from the National Audit Office can request sight of any item on the asset register and no insurance is taken out on mobile devices.





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October 2015

**REFERENCE: FOI 15/203**

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO):

***Please could you provide a list of non-British citizens employed centrally at the Northern Ireland Office.***

***Please provide a breakdown by nationality, department (eg. HR, legal, maintenance) and length of service.***

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

No member of staff employed centrally by the Northern Ireland Office has stated their nationality as non-British.



November 2015

**REFERENCE: FOI - 15/204**

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO):

**Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide me with the following information about your current contracts with third party suppliers.**

- 1. If another organisation routinely manages procurement and contracts on behalf of your organisation, please could you provide me with its name:**
- 2. If your organisation routinely manages procurement and contracts on behalf of another organisation(s), please could you provide me with their names:**
- 3. If your organisation handles its own procurement and contracts, please could you provide me with a list of all of your current contracts for ICT services, with the following information for each one:**

<b>Contract name/short description</b>	
<b>Supplier</b>	
<b>Start date (or last renewal date, if applicable)</b>	
<b>End date</b>	
<b>Estimated contract value (ie for services provided between start and end date)</b>	



If this contract was called off a central framework agreement (e.g. from the Crown Commercial Service, G-Cloud, etc) please say which one:

I appreciate that all of this information may not be readily available, so I would be happy to accept partial information about each contract, if needed to stay within the allowable budget for FOI requests.

Your request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

1. The NIO receives support on procurement from the Crown Commercial Service and the Department of Finance and Personnel's Central Procurement Directorate however contracts are managed by the Department once they are in place.
2. The NIO does not routinely manage procurement and contracts on behalf of any other organisation.
3. The NIO receives managed ICT services from IT Assist Confidential (ITAC), which is a service provided by Enterprise Shared Services, a body within the Department of Finance and Personnel, Northern Ireland. The provision of this service is covered by a Service Level Agreement. The information requested is, therefore, not held by this Department. This information may be available from the Department of Finance and Personnel, Northern Ireland who can be contacted at [info.csd@dfpni.gov.uk](mailto:info.csd@dfpni.gov.uk)



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**November 2015**

**REFERENCE: FOI 15/205**

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO):

*Could you please provide the national and London pay bands (separately) for the following grades (or equivalent) in your department;*

AA  
AO  
EO  
HEO  
SEO  
G7  
G6  
SCS 1  
SCS 2  
SCS 3  
SCS 4

*And any other technical grades.*

*Could you also provide the date at which these were set.*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The Northern Ireland Office uses the MoJ pay ranges and those for Bands A – F for 2015 can be found at Annexes A and B attached.



SCS pay and conditions are not delegated to individual Departments and Departments operate a common SCS pay framework but have the flexibility to operate a higher London minima. Under this framework SCS pay ranges are determined annually by Cabinet Office.

#### Annex A - MoJ Deal Pay Ranges 2015

Pay Band	Pay Range	Area	Minimum £	Maximum £
Band A	1	Inner London	50,534	67,969
	Aa	Specialist + 5%	53,059	71,368
	Ab	Specialist + 10%	55,587	74,766
	Ac	Specialist + 15%	58,113	78,164
	2	Outer	46,238	64,832
	Aa	Specialist + 5%	48,549	68,074
	Ab	Specialist + 10%	50,861	71,315
	Ac	Specialist + 15%	53,172	74,557
	3	National	42,034	60,649
	Aa	Specialist + 5%	44,135	63,682
	Ab	Specialist + 10%	46,237	66,714
	Ac	Specialist + 15%	48,338	69,747
Band B	1	Inner London	35,188	44,964
	Ba	Specialist + 5%	36,948	47,212
	Bb	Specialist + 10%	38,707	49,461
	Bc	Specialist + 15%	40,467	51,709
	2	Outer	33,294	42,873
	Ba	Specialist + 5%	34,959	45,016
	Bb	Specialist + 10%	36,623	47,160
	Bc	Specialist + 15%	38,288	49,304
	3	National	29,634	38,690
	Ba	Specialist + 5%	31,116	40,625
	Bb	Specialist + 10%	32,598	42,559
	Bc	Specialist + 15%	34,078	44,494
Band C	1	Inner London	29,495	36,061
	Ca	Specialist + 5%	30,970	37,864
	Cb	Specialist + 10%	32,445	39,667
	2	Outer & SE Hotspots	27,346	34,515
	Ca	Specialist + 5%	28,713	36,241
	Cb	Specialist + 10%	30,081	37,967
	3	Hotspots	25,392	31,939
	Ca	Specialist + 5%	26,662	33,536
	Cb	Specialist + 10%	27,931	35,133
	4	National Plus	22,951	29,879
	Ca	Specialist + 5%	24,099	31,373
	Cb	Specialist + 10%	25,246	32,867





Pay Band	Pay Range	Area	Minimum £	Maximum £
	5	National (Existing)	21,346	29,879
	Ca	Specialist + 5%	22,151	31,373
	Cb	Specialist + 10%	23,206	32,867

Pay Band	Pay Range	Area	Minimum £	Maximum £
Band D	1	Inner London	25,007	28,000
	Db	Specialist + 10%	27,408	30,800
	2	Outer & SE Hotspots	23,138	26,000
	Db	Specialist + 10%	25,352	28,600
	3	Hotspots	21,367	24,727
	Db	Specialist + 10%	23,404	27,200
	4	National Plus	20,046	23,244
	Db	Specialist + 10%	21,346	25,568
	5	National (Existing)	20,046	23,244
	Db	Specialist + 10%	20,264	25,568
Band E	1	Inner London	21,471	22,250
	2	Outer & SE Hotspots	20,173	20,905
	3	Hotspots	18,866	19,550
	4	National Plus	17,880	18,529
	5	National Existing	17,880	18,529
Band F	1	Inner London	18,046	18,700
	2	Outer & SE Hotspots	17,032	17,650
	3	Hotspots	15,440	16,000
	4	National Plus	14,981	15,524
	5	National Existing	14,981	15,524

Note: The table shows the maxima and minima for each pay range with effect from 1 August 2015



## Annex B - SCS Pay Ranges with effect from 1 April 2015

	Minimum £	Maximum £
SCS Payband 3	105,000	208,100
SCS Payband 2	86,000	162,500
SCS Payband 1A	67,600	128,900
SCS Payband 1 (London)	66,500	117,800
SCS Payband 1 (National)	63,000	117,800





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October 2015

**REFERENCE: FOI – 15/206**

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office:

How many NIO staff in total applied for the NIO VES scheme which closed on Friday 09/10/2015?

Please provide a numerical breakdown of staff who applied for the NIO VES Scheme broken down by  
Age 60+  
Gender  
Religious persuasion.

Following the announcement this morning that the Cabinet Office has made more money available for extra places on the NIO VES scheme how many more places will be available?

Will an Equality Impact assessment be carried out on all candidates who applied for the NIO VES scheme.

Will the results of the Equality Impact Assessment of the NIO VES scheme be published on the intranet for all staff to view?

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A summary of the scheme, including the number of applications received will be published at the end of the Scheme

A summary of the scheme, including the number of applications received and a breakdown by gender will be published at the end of the Scheme. The information requested in relation to religious persuasion is not held.

The Cabinet office has not made more money available. The Cabinet Office has agreed that the NIO can offer a maximum of 19 exits, the highest number possible under the terms of this type of scheme. The NIO had previously indicated that it would offer approximately 10-12 exits.

The Scheme was equality screened prior to launch and no adverse impacts were identified. An EIA will not be carried out on the applicants to the Scheme.

The equality screening will be published on [www.Gov.uk](http://www.Gov.uk) in the normal manner in the 6 monthly report on NIO Consultations, Screenings and Equality Impact Assessments.

November 2015

**REFERENCE: FOI - 15/208**

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO):

**In the light of the recent ruling by the European Court of Justice that the Safe Harbour agreement is invalid, can you please supply the following information:**

- 1. Does the Northern Ireland Office Store and process UK/EU citizen data in the US?**
- 2. If so, approximately how much UK/EU citizen data is stored in the US?**
- 3. If so, which service provider is storing and processing that data?**
- 4. If so, was the Safe Harbour Agreement Safe used to determine the “adequacy” of transferring the data to the US, under the Eighth Principle of the Data Protection Act?**
- 5. If Safe Harbour was not used as an adequacy mechanism, what was the mechanism used to ensure compliance with the Data Protection Act?**

Your request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The NIO does not store and process UK/EU citizen data in the US.





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31 May 2016

**REFERENCE: FOI – 15/213**

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office:

**I have been searching the National Archives catalogue for files related to the Kincora Boys' Home. This search has returned 13 relevant files (CJ4/4029, 4030, 4031, 4037, 4290, 4341, 4345, 4395, 4406, 4407, 4408, 4514, 4515). However, while details of the files are listed on the catalogue, the access information for all of the files notes that they are 'Temporarily retained by department'.**

**I wonder if you could clarify how long this 'temporary' retention of the files is likely to go on for, and when it can be expected for the material to be made available to the public at the National Archives?**

Your request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

These files are being temporarily retained as they are in scope of the terms of the Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry (HIAI) ([www.hiainquiry.org](http://www.hiainquiry.org)). There are to be some redactions when the files are released, some of these are 'closures' and some are 'retentions' which will mean the complete file will not be in one geographical location when opened. The NIO have taken the view that this could be obstructive to the Inquiries work and as they are due to report in January 2017 the delay in release to the public is acceptable and compliant with the letter and spirit of the relevant legislation.

To directly answer your question we intend to transfer the files as soon as possible after the Inquiry has completed it's work with them so this should mean an opening to the public at The National Archives around March 2017 or earlier.

I should add that this temporary retention has not been requested by the HIAI but it is normal NIO practice to use a temporary retention in circumstances such as these where there is an ongoing

administrative need to hold the files beyond the normal transfer point, and that this retention is agreed by the Advisory Council ([www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/advisorycouncil](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/advisorycouncil)).

**November 2015**

**REFERENCE: FOI - 15/214**

You requested the release of the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO) regarding mobile phones;

*If there is more than one provider please split all the information including the annual average spend, number of users, duration, contract dates and internal contact details.*

1. *Network Provider(s) - Please provide me with the network provider name*
2. *Annual Average Spend- Can you please provide me with the average annual spend over the 3 years. If this is a new contract can you please provide the estimated annual spend.*
3. *Number of Users- Number of connections for each network provider.*
4. *Duration of the contract- please state if the contract also include contract extensions for each provider.*
5. *Contract Start Date- please can you provide me with the start date of the signed agreement. Please do not provide me with the framework contract date i require the contract dates of the signed agreement.*
6. *Contract Expiry Date- please can you provide me with the expiry date of the signed agreement. Please do not provide me with the framework contract date i require the contract dates of the signed agreement. If the contract is rolling please state.*
7. *Contract Review Date- Please can you provide me with a date on when the organisation plans to review this contract.*
8. *The person within the organisation responsible for this particular contract. Can you send me the full contact details Contact Name, Job Title, Contact Number and direct email*





*address for each network provider? If full contact details cannot be provided please send me the actual job title.*

*If the supply of mobile phones is provided by an external organisation please state the name of the organisation, the number of users (Connections of your organisation only) and the name of the network provider.*

*Please can you provide me with the latest information- If the organisation's is currently out to tender please can you also state the approx. date of award along with the information above.*

*Also if contract in the response has expired / rolling please can you provide me with further information if available of the organisation's plans going forward with regards to mobiles and the current status?*

*If this contract was awarded within the past three months can you please provide me with a shortlist of suppliers that bid on the contract?*

The Department uses three service providers – Vodafone (23 connections), O2 (12 connections) and EE (7 connections). The average annual spend per mobile in the past 3 financial years has been:

- 2014/15 - £344.37
- 2013/14 - £403.09
- 2012/13 - £388.72

Each connection is on a standard 24 month Government user tariff and the start date and expiry date for each handset is dependent on when the connection is set up.

The connections are set up under the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) Framework RM1498. The Framework is reviewed by the CCS and they can be contacted via e-mail on [info@crowncommercial.gov.uk](mailto:info@crowncommercial.gov.uk) as the department does not hold contact details for the contract manager.

The department does not hold the full contact details you have requested for network providers but the following contact e-mail details are held for their support teams:-

Vodafone Corporate Account Service Team - [council@help.vodafone.co.uk](mailto:council@help.vodafone.co.uk)

EE Public Sector Accounts Team - [publicsector.keyaccounts@ee.co.uk](mailto:publicsector.keyaccounts@ee.co.uk)

O2 Enterprise Customer Service Team - [OGC.CustomerService@o2.com](mailto:OGC.CustomerService@o2.com)

The details of the contract framework are not held by the department. CCS can provide details on tenders, expiration/rolling details, contract award date etc.





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**REFERENCE: FOI - 15/215**

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO):

**For the financial years i) 2012-13, ii) 2013-14, iii) 2014-15 please provide the following information:**

**1) What is the departments total spend on social media advertising?**

**Of which, what is the total spent with:**

**a) Facebook**

**b) Twitter**

**2) Please provide the following for the 5 largest social media advertising campaigns in each year:**

**a) the name of the campaign**

**b) the purpose of the campaign**

**c) the total spend on social media advertising**

**d) where available, a breakdown of the social media spending by platform**

**e) the metric (if any) which was used to measure the success of the campaign**

**f) how the campaign measured against the chosen metric.**

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The NIO has not allocated direct spending to social media campaign.





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**REFERENCE: 15/217**

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office:

A breakdown of both Loyalist and Republican ex-prisoners who have had:

1. Their licences revoked under the terms of the Good Friday Agreement.
2. The number of them who have been actually returned to prison.

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that a total number of 24 individuals have had their licences suspended by the Secretary of State under the provisions of the Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998, 17 of which were Loyalists and 7 of which were Republicans. All 24 individuals who had their licences suspended were returned to prison. They then applied to the Sentence Review Commissioners (SRC) to have their sentences reviewed. The SRC reviewed the applications and determined whether to revoke their licences or to re-release them. A total of 13 licences were revoked, 10 of which were Loyalists and 3 Republicans.



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**REFERENCE: FOI 15/219**

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO):

1. The amount spent by the department on training days and training courses for employees and civil servants for the following financial years: 2014/15, 2013/14, 2012/13. Please breakdown by year.
2. The number of employees and civil servants who attended these courses. Please breakdown by year.
3. A list of the courses/training days paid for and the provider of the training. Please breakdown by year.
4. The most spent on training and courses for one individual and the number of courses they have attended. Please breakdown by year.

If possible please provide this as the amount spent on each course, the number that attended this, and the name of the course.

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

1. The Northern Ireland Office's (NIO) spend on training days and training courses for its staff during the 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 financial years was as follows:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>L &amp; D Spend</b>
2012/13	£39,206
2013/14	£40,038
2014/15	£34,200



2. This information is not held.
3. Lists of courses/training days paid for and the providers are not held. However, I can tell you that the main providers of training courses for staff in the NIO are the Centre for Applied Learning based in Northern Ireland and Civil Service Learning based in London. Information regarding which members of staff attended training provided by these two organisations is not held.
4. This information is not held.

#### Annex A - MoJ Deal Pay Ranges 2015

Pay Band	Pay Range	Area	Minimum £	Maximum £
Band A	1	Inner London	50,534	67,969
	Aa	Specialist + 5%	53,059	71,368
	Ab	Specialist + 10%	55,587	74,766
	Ac	Specialist + 15%	58,113	78,164
	2	Outer	46,238	64,832
	Aa	Specialist + 5%	48,549	68,074
	Ab	Specialist + 10%	50,861	71,315
	Ac	Specialist + 15%	53,172	74,557
	3	National	42,034	60,649
	Aa	Specialist + 5%	44,135	63,682
	Ab	Specialist + 10%	46,237	66,714
	Ac	Specialist + 15%	48,338	69,747
Band B	1	Inner London	35,188	44,964
	Ba	Specialist + 5%	36,948	47,212
	Bb	Specialist + 10%	38,707	49,461
	Bc	Specialist + 15%	40,467	51,709
	2	Outer	33,294	42,873
	Ba	Specialist + 5%	34,959	45,016
	Bb	Specialist + 10%	36,623	47,160
	Bc	Specialist + 15%	38,288	49,304
	3	National	29,634	38,690
	Ba	Specialist + 5%	31,116	40,625
	Bb	Specialist + 10%	32,598	42,559
	Bc	Specialist + 15%	34,078	44,494
Band C	1	Inner London	29,495	36,061
	Ca	Specialist + 5%	30,970	37,864
	Cb	Specialist + 10%	32,445	39,667



Pay Band	Pay Range	Area	Minimum £	Maximum £
	2 Ca Cb	Outer & SE Hotspots	27,346	34,515
		Specialist + 5%	28,713	36,241
		Specialist + 10%	30,081	37,967
	3 Ca Cb	Hotspots	25,392	31,939
		Specialist + 5%	26,662	33,536
		Specialist + 10%	27,931	35,133
	4 Ca Cb	National Plus	22,951	29,879
		Specialist + 5%	24,099	31,373
		Specialist + 10%	25,246	32,867
	5 Ca Cb	National (Existing)	21,346	29,879
		Specialist + 5%	22,151	31,373
		Specialist + 10%	23,206	32,867

Pay Band	Pay Range	Area	Minimum £	Maximum £
Band D	1 Db	Inner London	25,007	28,000
		Specialist + 10%	27,408	30,800
	2 Db	Outer & SE Hotspots	23,138	26,000
		Specialist + 10%	25,352	28,600
	3 Db	Hotspots	21,367	24,727
Specialist + 10%		23,404	27,200	
4 Db	National Plus	20,046	23,244	
	Specialist + 10%	21,346	25,568	
5 Db	National (Existing)	20,046	23,244	
	Specialist + 10%	20,264	25,568	
Band E	1	Inner London	21,471	22,250
	2	Outer & SE Hotspots	20,173	20,905
	3	Hotspots	18,866	19,550
	4	National Plus	17,880	18,529
	5	National Existing	17,880	18,529
Band F	1	Inner London	18,046	18,700
	2	Outer & SE Hotspots	17,032	17,650
	3	Hotspots	15,440	16,000
	4	National Plus	14,981	15,524
	5	National Existing	14,981	15,524



Note: The table shows the maxima and minima for each pay range with effect from 1 August 2015

**Annex B - SCS Pay Ranges with effect from 1 April 2015**

	Minimum £	Maximum £
SCS Payband 3	105,000	208,100
SCS Payband 2	86,000	162,500
SCS Payband 1A	67,600	128,900
SCS Payband 1 (London)	66,500	117,800
SCS Payband 1 (National)	63,000	117,800





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**REFERENCE: FOI 15/220**

You requested the following information:

I am writing to ask for information regarding secondments of your department's staff to organisations outside the public sector for the past two financial years (2013-14 and 2014-15).

Specifically I would like to know:

- A.) How many staff have been seconded to organisations outside the public sector
- B.) To which organisations these staff have been seconded
- C.) The estimated cost of these secondments to the department.
- D.) The length of the secondment.

Please do not include any personal details.

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

No members of staff from the NIO have been seconded to private sector firms in the years 2013-14 and 2014-15.







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**November 2015**

**REFERENCE: FOI 15/221**

I write regarding your request dated 3 November 2015 to the Northern Ireland Office (NIO) for the following information:

*I have checked your website, but all I could find on this was a statistic in a speech from Theresa Villiers in 2015 (titled NI security) stating that £231 million had been spent over the last five years. If possible, please could you provide me with an annual breakdown of this (and if possible details of the expenditure)?*

*If easier expenditure on the following would also help:*

- *Independent Commission for the Location of Victims' Remains (ICLVR) jointly with the Irish Government;*
- *Sentence Review Commissioners (SRC); and*
- *Independent Assessor for Military Complaints Procedures.*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A number of different bodies are responsible for contributing to the national security effort in Northern Ireland. You may wish to contact other Government Departments such as the Ministry of Defence, (Whitehall, London, SW1A 2HB) who may also hold information relevant to your request.

**Additional Security Funding for PSNI**

The NIO holds information in relation to Additional Security Funding provided to the PSNI which is crucial in helping to ensure that the PSNI are able to police the threat effectively.



This Government has put considerable effort into ensuring the Police Service of Northern Ireland is properly resourced to tackle the terrorist threat, providing £231million in additional security funding for PSNI between 2010 and 2015. Annual spend is broken down in the table below. The exact allocation of funding is an operational matter for the Chief Constable.

	2011/12 £m	2012/13 £m	2013/14 £m	2014/15 £m	2015/16 £m	Total £m
<b>HMG Contribution</b>	<b>57.1</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>231</b>

### Independent Commission for the Location of Victims Remains (ICLVR)

The Independent Commission for the Location of Victims' Remains (ICLVR) is funded by both the NIO and the Irish Government. The cost to the Northern Ireland Office incurred by the ICLVR during the past five years is out below.

	2010/11 £k	2011/12 £k	2012/13 £k	2013/14 £k	2014/15 £k	Total £k
<b>NIO Funding</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>664</b>

### Sentence Review Commissioner Spend

	2010/11 £k	2011/12 £k	2012/13 £k	2013/14 £k	2014/15 £k	Total £k
<b>HMG Contribution</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>653</b>

### The Independent Assessor for Military Complaints Procedures

Since the passing of the Justice and Security Act (2007), oversight of Military Complaint arrangements have been incorporated into the overall work of the Independent Reviewer of the

Justice and Security Act (2007). Please see below for details of expenditure in this area for the past three years.



	<b>2013/14</b> <b>£k</b>	<b>2014/15</b> <b>£k</b>	<b>2015/16</b> <b>£k</b>
<b>HMG Contribution</b>	<b>68,358</b>	<b>35,299</b>	<b>21,231 (YTD)</b>



**November 2015**

**REFERENCE: FOI - 15/222**

You requested the release of the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO);

*Please can you list all the items reported lost by employees between October 2014 to October 2015 and categorise them into items lost worth under £100, items lost worth under £500 and items lost worth more than £500.*

*Can you repeat the same request for the dates October 2013 to October 2014 and October 2012 to October 2013.*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I can confirm that from October 2012 through to October 2015, no items have been reported lost by Departmental staff.





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**December 2015**

**REFERENCE: 15/229**

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office:

**Since 2010 until the current date how many persons have received a pardon under the Royal Prerogative of Mercy?**

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The Royal Prerogative of Mercy (RPM) can be exercised to grant a full pardon to somebody, or to commute their sentence, or to remit all or a portion of their sentence. We have taken your question to refer to any of these exercises of the Royal Prerogative of Mercy and can confirm that the Northern Ireland Office does not hold any information relevant to this question.

As part of our duty to provide you with advice and assistance under s.16 of FOIA, it may assist you to know that whilst the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland is responsible for recommending the Royal Prerogative of Mercy for terrorism-related cases in Northern Ireland, since the devolution of policing and justice in 2010, responsibility for making recommendations for the Royal Prerogative of Mercy in all other cases lies with the Minister of Justice in Northern Ireland. Furthermore, the responsibility for recommending the exercise of the Royal Prerogative of Mercy in England, Wales and the Channel Islands rests with the Secretary of State for Justice – except in relation to members of the Armed Forces convicted and sentenced under the Services justice system, where the responsibility is carried by the Secretary of State for Defence. In the Isle of Man, by constitutional convention, the responsibility rests with the Lieutenant Governor. In Scotland, the responsibility for recommending the exercise of the Royal Prerogative of Mercy is devolved to Scottish Ministers by virtue of the Scotland Act 1998. In light of this, we will not hold information relating to all cases in which the RPM has been



exercised. You may wish to make a request to other government departments or devolved administrations accordingly.





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**REFERENCE: FOI 15/234**

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO):

*For your department/organisation please provide the following information in relation to staff only regarded as clerical/administrative/support which would be equivalent to the NI Civil Service grades of Administrative Assistant(AA) through to Assistant Secretary(Grade 5). Please provide the NI Civil Service equivalent grade next to the post within your organisation if it is termed differently. (Therefore this excludes police officers, nurses, doctors, magistrates, members/ministers of the Legislative Assembly etc)*

*1. The total number of staff in your department/organisation at this date, within these grades.*

*2a. The total number of staff in your department/organisation within these grade that are currently on temporary promotion to a higher grade.2b. A break down of each of these temporary promotions: providing a total of how many staff at each grade who are temporary promoted and to which grade they are currently temporarily promoted to. (eg. the number of Administrative Assistants currently on promotion to Administrative Officer and so on)*

*3. The number of staff currently on temporary promotion, including the details of their*



current grade and to which grade they are promoted which has already exceeded a period of 6months at this date,3a. and if agreed currently, the number which are anticipated to last more than a total period of 6months

4. Provide the number of staff currently on temporary promotion, including the details of their current grade and to which grade they are promoted which has already exceeded a period of 12 months at this date,4a. and if agreed currently, the number which are anticipated to last more than a total period of 12months.

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The table below provides the information requested for questions 1 - 4:

HCS staff bands	NICS equivalent grades	Number of staff at each level	Number of staff on temporary promotion to each grade from the grade below	Number of staff on temporary promotion for less than 6 months	Number of staff temporarily promoted for more than 6 months	Number of staff temporarily promoted for more than 12 months
Deputy Director	Assistant Secretary	7	4	1	1	2
A	Principal	23	5	2	0	3
B	Deputy Principal	20	4	3	0	1
C	Staff Officer	34	2	1	0	1
D	EOI/EOII	29	0	0	0	0
E	Administrative Officer	16	0	0	0	0
F	Administrative Assistant	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Totals		132	15	7	1	7

3a & 4a. Nine of the fifteen staff currently on temporary promotion were successful in recruitment campaigns and appointed on the basis that they would be on temporary promotion for the duration of their appointments, which is expected to be for a period of two years. These staff will return to their substantive grades when they return to their parent departments.

The remaining six staff have been given temporary promotion to fill posts for shorter term cover. As the length of these appointments is unpredictable the





exact duration of each cannot be confirmed. Currently only one of these six members of staff has been on temporary promotion for more than 12 months.





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**REFERENCE: FOI – 15/235**

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office:

**This request relates to the introduction of a Family Test to policy making, announced by the Prime Minister in August 2014.**

- 1. Please provide a complete list of all policy proposals to which the Family Test has been applied by your department.**
- 2. In how many of the cases in 1 did the Family Test identify a potential negative impact on the family?**
- 3. In how many of the cases in 2 did the Family Test result in a change in policy proposal?**
- 4. Please provide copies of all Family Test assessments made by your department.**

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I can confirm that the department holds information falling within the scope of your request. The answers are below:

1. None. You may be aware of the guidance issued in 2014 by the Department for Work & Pensions, for ease and to help explain the answer please follow this link if not - [www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/368894/family-test-guidance.pdf](http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/368894/family-test-guidance.pdf) You will see on page 4 under 'When the family test need to be carried out' certain circumstances when it need not; 'While public policy by definition impacts the lives of individuals, families, communities and society as a whole, there will be policies, which do not have any impact at the level of the family per se, or where the impact is small and indirect, or temporary in nature. Where that is the case it may not be sensible or proportionate to apply the test.' This has been the assessment made on policies



made in the NIO in the time period specified so the test has not been applied. This inevitably leads to the answers below for the remaining parts of your question.

2. N/A

3. N/A

4. N/A





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**REFERENCE: FOI – 15/241**

You requested the release of the following information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO);

- i. The cost of the Department's FOI-related litigation in the Information Tribunal in 2014-15**
- ii. The cost of all litigation undertaken by the Department in 2014-15**

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

- i. The Department recorded costs of **£1,883.85 (£1,569.87 + £313.98 VAT)** in respect of FOI-related litigation in the Information Tribunal in 2014-15

**NB:** The figures quoted relate only to confirmed expenditure to date. Additional invoices relating to work undertaken in 2014-15 have been received however they are currently under dispute and have not been included.

- ii. The cost of all litigation undertaken by the Department in 2014-15 as charged was **£442,233.68 (£379,332.74 + £62,900.94 VAT)**.



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**REFERENCE: FOI – 15/243**

You requested the following information from the Northern Ireland Office:

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

**1) How much has it cost your department to rebrand ISIL / ISIS / IS / Islamic State as “Daesh” in all government material (public, internal and online) leading up to and since David Cameron publicly announced on December 2 the government’s preferred name change to parliament? If changes are still taking place, is there an estimate of the overall cost of such a move to your department?**

**2) What guidance has been issued to staff in your department about the switch from ISIL, etc., to “Daesh” - including any advice on pronunciation of the new name? Please provide copies of all such guidance.**

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

No monies have been spent by the Northern Ireland Office on changing the reference to Islamic State from “ISIL” or similar acronyms to “Daesh” in any official publications.

No guidance has been issued to staff on changing the official term nor advice on the correct pronunciation.

