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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2008-00928

**Keyword:** Finance

**Subject:** Flights arranged by the PSNI for Sir Hugh Orde's son

### Request and Answer:

#### Question

- 1 Was any flight (to any destination) arranged or booked by PSNI or its travel agent for Sir Hugh Orde's son (regardless of whether payment was made by PSNI or otherwise)?
- 2 If the answer to question 1 is "yes"
  - 2.1 Please provide full details of the flight(s) as arranged/booked.
  - 2.2 State whether the flights were arranged/booked in connection with official PSNI business involving Sir Hugh Orde's son.
  - 2.3 If the flight was arranged/booked for reasons other than official PSNI business please provide full details of the payment arrangements including:
    - (a) Whether the flight was charged to PSNI's account
    - (b) Whether it was paid for by PSNI
    - (c) Whether any arrangement was made for reimbursement of the flight cost by or on behalf of Sir Hugh Orde's son and
    - (d) Whether such reimbursement was made and, if so, when.

#### Answer

In compliance with steps required by the Information Commissioner in Decision Notice reference FS50328067 issued under Section 50 (1) of the Act, the PSNI are required to disclose the information requested in questions 2.2 and 2.3.

2.2

No, the flights were not booked in connection with official PSNI business.

2.3

(a) Yes the flights were charged to PSNI's account in accordance with agreed contractual arrangements.

(b) Yes, in accordance with agreed contractual arrangements.

(c) There was no requirement for reimbursement of flight costs by Sir Hugh Orde's son as there was provision within the former Chief Constable's terms and conditions that he was permitted to avail of

flights for his family. When these provisions were later reviewed there was an agreement between the Northern Ireland Policing Board and the former Chief Constable that Sir Hugh Orde would reimburse 50% of the costs of flights from October 2004 to April 2007, which he did.

(d) Reimbursement made on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2007.