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Dear Mr Shannon,

To ask the Minister of Justice, how many murders have gone unsolved in each of the last three years. 6677/10

The above mentioned question was placed before the Minister of Justice, who has deemed that this is an operational matter for the Police Service of Northern Ireland. Therefore the Chief Constable has been asked to respond directly.

The information you require is contained in the appended table. Whilst there are a number of offences which remain 'unsolved' these are still subject to ongoing investigation

Please be advised that a copy of this letter will be placed in the Library of the Northern Ireland Assembly. If you have any queries regarding this response, please address your correspondence to Command Secretariat, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland BT5 6LE.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,
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Calls within Police Service of Northern Ireland telephone system may be monitored or recorded

2007/2008	
Murders Recorded	25
Detected	16
Detection Rate	64.0%
2008/2009	
Murders Recorded	24
Detected	20
Detection Rate	83.3%
2009/2010	
Murders Recorded	18
Detected	18
Detection Rate	100.0%

Source of Information:-

www.psnipolice.uk/index/updates/updates_statistics/update_crime_statistics.htm