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Dear Mr Maskey,

To ask the Minister of Justice how many times security clearance has been denied to PSNI applicants on the grounds that they had a sibling who was a member of (i) Sinn Fein; (ii) SDLP; (iii) DUP; (iv) UUP; and (v) PUP. 7153/10

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.

To date no police applicant has been turned down for having a relative in any of the following political parties: (i) Sinn Fein; (ii) SDLP; (iii) DUP; (iv) UUP; and (v) PUP.

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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