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Dear Mr Burns,

To ask the Minister of Justice how much has been spent investigating the theft of ATMs in each of the last five years; and to provide a summary of the outcome of these investigations. (PSNI 2148/10)

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.

We are not in a position to provide the specific information requested as such investigations are not specifically costed. The PSNI are committed to dealing with such crimes and a number of prevention, investigative, enforcement and reassurance strands have been taken forward in partnership with the Banking Sector and the Northern Ireland Association for Retail Trade. This strategy has had a significant impact in tackling this type of crime over recent months, with a marked decrease in such crimes.

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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Question to the Minister of Justice

Ref No	Member	Question	Tabled	Answered
AQW 8146/10	Mr T Burns (SDLP - South Antrim)	To ask the Minister of Justice how much has been spent investigating the theft of ATMs in each of the last five years; and to provide a summary of the outcome of these investigations. Written answer: <i>This is a matter for the Chief Constable, who is accountable to the Northern Ireland Policing Board. I am committed to respecting the operational independence of the Chief Constable and the role of the Policing Board, and I have forwarded this Question to the Chief Constable, who will respond directly.</i>	28/06/2010	Answered