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Dear Mr Burns,

To ask the Minister for Justice to detail (i) the number of Police Officers who left the PSNI, under a Patten severance package, who were subsequently re-employed as 'civilian experts' or consultants; (ii) how much these individuals have been paid for their services; (iii) the number of such individuals currently employed by the PSNI; and (iv) in what capacity they are employed. 6285/10

The above mentioned question was placed before the Minister for 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.

I am advised by our Human Resources Department that records are not kept of individuals who were formerly police officers and who have been re-employed as members of police staff. No such records are held in respect of those people who are involved in the provision of contracted out services, such as security guarding or catering. Similarly we do not maintain previous employment records about temporary agency appointments, who are not employees of the PSNI. Such records would potentially be contrary to the Data Protection legislations requirements.

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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