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Dear Mr Weir,

To ask the Minister of Justice to outline the cost of policing the Twelfth of July bonfires in each of the last five years.

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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 Police Service of Northern Ireland does not regularly record costings attributable to the policing of bonfires. Therefore, I am unable to provide specific costings for the time period requested. However, during 2009 a considerable amount of research was carried out by the organisation to identify the cost of policing Bonfires. As a result it was estimated that the total cost to police bonfires in that year was £168,422.

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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