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Dear Mr Burns,

To ask the Minister of Justice (i) to detail the total number of claims for compensation which were made against the PSNI by serving prisoners in each of the last five years; (ii) to detail the number of these claims which were (a) successful (b) unsuccessful, in either the courts, or out of court settlements; (iii) to detail the total amount of compensation awarded; and (iv) to provide a summary of the reasons for these claims.

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.

In answer to the question PSNI can state the following :-

Claims against PSNI by prisoners

2005/2006 - 0
2006/2007 - 1
2007/2008 - 0
2008/2009 - 2
2009/2010 - 0

All three claims relate to the prisoners' alleged injury when involved in a Road Traffic Collision while in Police Custody.

In each case the matter was passed to the PSNI Insurers who dealt with the claim. Once a claim is passed to the Insurers we do not receive any more information on it.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John McCaughan', written in a cursive style.

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