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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – REVISED ENVIRONMENTAL ALLOWANCE (REA)/NORTHERN IRELAND TRANSITIONAL ALLOWANCE (NITA)

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your request for information received by the Department of Justice on the 18/04/2024, detailed below: -

Request

Please advise of the following if information kept

1. 'Details of when environmental allowance was introduced for civilian members of the Police service'
2. 'Also at that point in time what was the rate paid to Police officers for the NITA allowance commonly referred to as 'danger money'.Also details of uplifts in allowance since introduction for Police officers'

This response addresses your questions:

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives you two rights of access when you write to us asking for information. You have the right to know whether we hold recorded information falling in scope of your request, and you have the right to receive this recorded information subject to cost limit or exemption.

1. 'Details of when environmental allowance was introduced for civilian members of the Police service'

The Revised Environmental Allowance (REA) was introduced in 1990.

2. 'Also at that point in time what was the rate paid to Police officers for the NITA allowance commonly referred to as 'danger money'. Also details of uplifts in allowance since introduction for Police officers'

Figures are not available for Northern Ireland Transitional Allowance (NITA) payments to PSNI officers between 1990 and 2004. However, payments from 2005 to present day are set out below:

YEAR	NITA (£)
2005	2,736
2006	2,817
2007	2,529
2008	2,595
2009	2,661
2010	2,994
2011	2,994
2012	3,071
2013	3,102
2014	3,132
2015	3,162
2016	3,195
2017	3,225
2018	3,291
2019	3,372
2020	3,456
2021	3,492
2022	3,666
2023	3,924

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Yours sincerely

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