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**REFERENCE: FOI\22/10**

Dear Sir

Thank you for your request for information dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 and detailed below:

***In relation to the settlement agreed by both the MOD and PSNI in the Miami Showband civil action in December 2021, can you please answer the following:***

- 1. Why was the PSNI co-joined with the MOD when there is no clear evidence of wrongdoing by any police officer?*
- 2. What percentage of the compensation was paid by the PSNI?*
- 3. Has the NI Department of Justice had any briefing from the Chief Constable on why it was necessary for a portion of the PSNI's budget to be paid in damages in this case?*
- 4. If so, when did this briefing take place?*
- 5. If the damages were paid due to unsubstantiated claims that Robin Jackson was both a police agent at the time and involved in the atrocity, has the NI Department of Justice enquired if the Special Branch records were located and examined before any payment from the public purse was made?*

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.

In accordance with these obligations, the Department has considered your request and has determined that questions 2 and 4 fall within the remit of the Freedom of Information Act as they constitute requests for recorded information. Following searches conducted across the Department, I can advise that the Department does not hold any recorded information in scope of these questions.

Outside of our obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, I can advise that the Department is unable to assist in relation to the information requested in questions 1, 3 and 5. The reason for this is that the Department was not party to the proceedings referred to and you may therefore wish to contact the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) directly regarding this matter. Contact details for the PSNI are:

PSNI

Freedom of Information Team  
Corporate Development  
Brooklyn  
65 Knock Road  
Belfast  
BT5 6LE

Email: [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk)

I hope that this response adequately addresses the matters raised in your request however if you are dissatisfied with the responses provided in relation to questions 2 & 4, you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you request an internal review please do so in writing stating the reasons to the address above.

If following an internal review you were to remain dissatisfied you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner and ask him to investigate whether the DOJ has complied with the terms of the FOIA. You can write to the Information Commissioner at:



Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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[www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

**DoJ Records & Information Manager**

