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Dear Mr. Mery,

FREEDOM of INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your request for information dated November 17, 2008 which was received by the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) on November 17, 2008 concerning:

I would appreciate, if in accordance with the FOIA, you can provide me by email with the following information concerning the processing of DNA records by the Northern Ireland: Police Service force:

- 1/ For each calendar year since 2002, how many DNA profiles were contributed by your force to the NDNAD.
- 2/ For each calendar year since 2002, how many DNA profiles were contributed to the NDNAD of individuals that were arrested by your force. If this is different from the number of times officers from your force took DNA samples from arrested individuals, please provide this number as well and explain the reason for the difference.)
- 3/ For each calendar year since 2002, how many DNA profiles were contributed to the NDNAD of individuals that volunteered their DNA samples to your force. If this is different from the number of times officers from your force took DNA samples from volunteers, please provide this number as well and explain the reason for the difference.)
- 4/ For each calendar year since 2002, how many requests for DNA records removals has your force received. How many individuals who had their DNA taken when arrested sent these requests, and how many individuals who volunteered their DNA sent these requests.
- 5/ For each calendar year since 2002, how many requests for DNA records removals has your force agreed to (i.e., where the Chief Officer decided "Yes - Action the removal of PNC, fingerprint and DNA records" as described in the step down model flowchart). How many were agreed for individuals who had their DNA taken when arrested; and how many were agreed for individuals who volunteered their DNA.

I am writing to confirm that the PSNI has now completed its search for the information and have decided to provide the located information in relation to questions 1, 3 and 5 to you in full.

1/ For each calendar year since 2002, how many DNA profiles were contributed by your force to the NDNAD.

Figures for C.J. loads to NDNAD form 2002 to 2008 are as follows:

Year	Number CJ Samples loaded to NDNAD
2002	0
2003	0
2004	0
2005 (Note figures week ending 15/01/06)	17284
2006	21770
2007	5584
2008 (Note figures week ending 12/10/08)	10032

The difference in figures between each of the years was to enable The Northern Irelands Forensi Sciences Agency to achive accreditation as a supplier to the National DNA database.

Please note these figures are approximate. Also we are currently waiting for a large volume of profiles to be loaded to NDNAD (sent Oct 08).

3/ For each calendar year since 2002, how many DNA profiles were contributed to the NDNAD of

individuals that volunteered their DNA samples to your force. If this is different from the number of times officers from your force took DNA samples from volunteers, please provide this number as well and explain the reason for the difference.)

PSNI has not loaded volunteer samples to the NDNADB for other than one off speculative searches.

5/ For each calendar year since 2002, how many requests for DNA records removals has your force agreed to (i.e., where the Chief Officer decided "Yes - Action the removal of PNC, fingerprint and DNA records" as described in the step down model flowchart). How many were agreed for individuals who had their DNA taken when arrested; and how many were agreed for individuals who volunteered their DNA.

Numbers of samples removed from the PSNI DNA database are as below. These will all refer to arrests.

2002 : 0

2003 : 5

2004 : 4

2005 : 1

To date 0

In relation to questions 2 and 4 no information is held by the PSNI.

However, another public authority may hold the information. The relevant authority, in this case, would be The National Policing Improvement Agency (NPIA), who may be better placed to answer it from a central perspective.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Yours sincerely,

Head of Freedom of Information  
Crime Operations Department  
PSNI

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