



Freedom of Information Officer
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Our reference FOI061010/018

RE: Request for information in relation to contact with Government.

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Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request submitted via email to Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland on 6 October 2010 in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our understanding of the information requested is as follows:

- details of the introductory note submission from CJI made to its lead Government Minister since the Coalition Government took office on 12 May;
- the number of staff employed by CJI on 12 May 2010;
- the number of staff employed by CJI on 6 October 2010;
- details of any submissions made to Government departments on the effects of budget cuts on CJI;
- any notices given to trade union, or employee representatives regarding staffing cuts to CJI;
- any notices of re-arranged pension arrangements for staff;
- details of any subscriptions to online news outlets such as Politics Home, The Times, The Sun, News of the World etc;
- any submission made by CJI in the run up to the Comprehensive Spending Review;
- how many times the Chief Executive of CJI has met with a Government Minister since 12 May including the nature and location for any such meetings;
- a copy of CJI's travel policy – in respect of planes, trains and cars;

- the number of properties (a) owned and (b) leased by CJI.

In answer to your request for information I can confirm that the following information is being released. Relevant documentation is included with this letter.

Please note that as from 12 April 2010, CJI's sponsoring department has been the Department of Justice for Northern Ireland (DoJ) which is a department within the Northern Ireland Executive under the control of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

As such from this date, CJI has reported to the Minister of Justice for Northern Ireland instead of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

Question 1

CJI has not provided an introductory note submission to its lead Government Minister, the Minister of Justice for Northern Ireland since the Coalition Government took office on 12 May 2010.

Question 2

There were 15 people employed by CJI on 12 May 2010.

Question 3

There were 17 people employed by CJI on 6 October 2010.

Question 4

Details of the submission made to CJI's sponsoring department the Department of Justice for Northern Ireland on the effects of budget cuts to the organisation are attached to this letter and relate to information provided in response to question 8.

Question 5

As at 2 November 2010, there have been no notices given to trade unions or employee representatives regarding staffing cuts to CJI.

Question 6

Notices relating to the re-arrangement of pension arrangements provided to staff are attached with this letter. This information was provided following the devolution of police and justice arrangements on 12 April 2010.

Question 7

CJI subscribes to one online news outlet – namely Mediapoint Ireland.

Question 8

A copy of the submission made by CJI by its sponsoring department the Department of Justice for Northern Ireland in the run up to the Comprehensive Spending Review is attached.

Question 9

Since 12 May 2010, the Chief Executive of CJI has met with a Government Minister on one occasion. The meeting occurred on 27 July, with David Ford MLA, Minister of Justice at Block B, Castle Buildings, Stormont, Estate, Belfast to discuss the findings of the follow-up review of CJI's original Hate Crime inspection.

Question 10

A copy of CJI's travel policy is included with this letter. This policy is an extract from a larger policy document which is in place within the organisation.

Question 11

CJI does not own any property. It has one lease agreement in place in respect of the 6th and 7th Floors, 14 Great Victoria Street, Belfast, BT2 7BA.

I hope this response satisfies your request.

Should the information contained in this letter not satisfy your request for information, you should contact in the first instance CJI's Freedom of Information Officer. Their address is Freedom of Information Officer, Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland, 6th Floor, 14 Great Victoria Street, Belfast, BT2 7BA or email info@cjini.org.

Yours sincerely,



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