

12 April 2011

Your Ref:

Our Ref: 0203/11

Mr Mark Shanks
Request-65635-c3b6dad8@whatdotheyknow.com

Force Disclosure Unit
Police Headquarters
173 Pitt Street
GLASGOW
G2 4JS

Tel: 0141 435 1204

Fax: 0141 435 1218

Dear Mr Shanks

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER 0203/11

I refer to your request for information dated 15 March 2011, which was received by Strathclyde Police on same date.

- 1. The number of Annual Orange Order Parades in Region ****
- 2. The number of Annual Republican Parades in Region ****
- 3. The number of Annual Old Firm Football Games in Region ****

**** All above info from 2007 to current date***

Could you please breakdown the information required into the following:

Yearly Statistics:-

- (i.) Number of Marches/Games***
- (ii.) Number of Arrests for 1, 2, 3***
- (iii.) Police Hours for 1, 2, 3***
- (iv.) Total Cost for 1, 2, 3***

I can inform you that during 2009/2010 there were a total of 1100 parades which took place within Strathclyde.

558 of these relate to Loyal Order Parades and 25 of them relate to Irish Republican Parades.

With regards to the breakdown of the information and the remaining years requested, I am unable to provide this information as an examination of each parade would have to be undertaken to calculate the costs. However, this would take in excess of the £600 and 40 hours prescribed under the Act to carry out this task and in accordance with Sections 12(1) (Excessive cost of compliance) and 16(4) (Refusal of request) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act), this letter represents a Refusal Notice.

You should, however, note that the force are currently working towards placing information relating to individual parades onto the force website and this should hopefully be available in the near future.

In relation to the number of Old Firm games I can inform you of the following.

07/08 – 4

08/09 – 5

09/10 – 4

10/11 – 7

Date	Location	Hours	Cost	Arrests
28/02/10	Ibrox	10,056	£338,642	10
04/05/10	Parkhead	8,760	£293,442	9
24/10/10	Parkhead	9,280	£325,512	8
02/01/11	Ibrox	10,984	£386,730	4
06/02/11	Ibrox	10,520	£372,162	4
20/02/11	Parkhead	8,980	£308,208	27
02/03/11	Parkhead	7,664	£270,784	36

Again, with regards to the breakdown of the information for the games played prior to 2010, I am unable to provide this information as an examination of each parade would have to be undertaken to calculate the costs. However, this would take in excess of the £600 and 40 hours prescribed under the Act to carry out this task and in accordance with Sections 12(1) (Excessive cost of compliance) and 16(4) (Refusal of request) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act), this letter represents a Refusal Notice.

I hope this information is helpful, however, if you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance to request a review of the decision made by the Force. Should you wish to request such a review, please write to Mrs Sheena Brennan, Disclosure Manager at the above address within 40 working days of receiving this letter.

Once informed of the Review Panel's decision, if you are still not satisfied, then you are entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. Contact details are; Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, telephone 01334 464610.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Strathclyde Police. Should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me directly on 0141 435 1204 quoting the reference number given.

Yours sincerely

Colette McFarlane
Freedom of Information Officer