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Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email dated 21 May 2019 in which you asked for information regarding upskirting and down blousing.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Freedom of Information Act creates rights of access for any person making a request for information to a public authority. The rights of access are twofold. First, to be informed by the public authority if it holds information of the description specified in the request, and if that is the case, secondly, to be provided with that information. These rights are subject to important limitations, which are designed to achieve a proper balance between the right to know and considerations of law and policy in the broader public interest.

You had asked for the following:

A) A statistical count and disclosure of all cases of upskirting & down blousing of women & girls (That includes the lesbian, bisexual and male-to-female ones) brought to my crown in Northern Ireland by the PSNI between 10/3/2014 - 10/3/2019 regardless of result.

B) A statistical count and disclosure of all cases of up skirting & down blousing brought to my crown in Northern Ireland by the good women of my province (that includes the lesbian, bisexual and male-to-female ones as well) between 10/3/2014 - 10/3/2019 in which they claimed justice was due to them even though the law of Northern Ireland did

not recognise a crime actually took place against them when they were so upskirted or down bloused as "there was not any other person alarmed" other than them. Regardless of outcome.

C) A statistical count and disclosure of all cases of upskirting and down blousing brought to my crown by my female prosecutors and female constables (Including the lesbian, bisexual and male to female transgender ones) detailing they were so upskirted and down bloused by their Male and trans male colleagues between 10/3/2014 - 10/3/2019 regardless of outcome.

In response please be advised that there are no specific offences of upskirting and down blousing in Northern Ireland, and therefore there are no statistics available. In terms of the Freedom of Information Act I can confirm that under Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we do not hold the information you have requested.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review in accordance with our review procedure. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of this response and you can do so by writing to the Head of Policy and Information, Public Prosecution Service, Belfast Chambers, 93 Chichester Street, BELFAST, BT1 3JR or alternatively by sending an e-mail to info@ppsni.gov.uk. You should state clearly the grounds on which you are requesting the review.

Alternatively, you may wish to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:
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Yours sincerely,



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