

Policy and Information Unit Public Prosecution Service Belfast Chambers 93 Chichester Street Belfast BT1 3JR

12 November 2020 FOI 1255-20/21

I refer to your email dated 9 November 2020 in which you asked the PPS for information.

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:

"We wish to understand the scale and value of vacant land and property held by government, local authorities, and publicly owned bodies.

Please provide a list of **all** land or property currently owned by your office/department, along with its size in acres, current status (used/unused), current occupier/tenant if any, current use by occupier/tenant if any, and the exact

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location of this property via either address with full postcode or ordinance survey coordinates".

In response I can advise that the PPS does not own any land or property. 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 <u>info@ppsni.gov.uk</u>. 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:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

PPS FOI Section