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## FOI REQUEST

Please provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

**What was the gross cost of operational training in your fire service in the previous ten financial years? (please separate by financial year: 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17)**

Please see the attached table

**How many a) full time fire fighters and b) retained firefighters were employed in the previous ten financial years (please separate by financial year: 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17)**

Please see the attached table

**How many days did a) full time fire fighters and b) retained firefighters spend on operational training in the previous ten financial years? (please separate by financial year: 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17)**

The above information is not held in a way that enables us to provide it.

Records in relation to training are kept on the number of individuals attending each course – providing a total number of training days.

Both our on-call and Whole Time personnel attend the same training days – as the roles have the same competencies. We do not hold training records which break down the status of each attendee.

For example, our records may show that one course may have had 50 attendees. This would be a mix of WT and On-Call staff.

The only way to establish who attended would be to look at the list of names of people who attended, and then cross reference with other information to establish whether they are WT/RDS. Given that there are 12000 training courses and 74000 training days in total, this would exceed the time limits that we are required to spend in retrieving the information.

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act allows public authorities to refuse to answer requests for information if the cost of complying would exceed the "appropriate limit" prescribed in the "Freedom of Information and Data Protection (appropriate limit and fees) regulations 2004" (the Regulations).

In order to assist in your request as best we can – we have attached data that demonstrates the total number of training days provided. Please note this information is held in Calendar Years.