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Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

Breakdown of costs to the CPS regarding all prosecutions as a result of Northumbria Police's Operation Optic.

Request

- 1) *Please provide a breakdown of all known costs to the CPS of prosecutions (both successful/failed/aborted) as a result of Northumbria Police's Operation Optic;*
- 2) *Please disclose the known number of hours logged by staff working on the cases.*
- 3) *Please disclose the number of successful, failed and aborted prosecutions.*

Response

- 1) As of 18 March 2019 the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) had paid as follows:

Leading Counsel for Trial Optic 1 £43,605.87 and Optic 2 & 3 £7,348.80
Junior Led Counsel for Trial Optic 1 £31,016.08 Optic 2 & 3 £5030.32
Total- £87,001.07
- 2) The CPS does not record time spent by internal lawyers, paralegals and administrative staff on a case by case basis. We can therefore only provide counsel costs as mentioned above.
- 3) 14 cases have been stopped at Court, as no was evidence offered.

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