



**GEORGE HAMILTON QPM
CHIEF CONSTABLE**

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Dear Chair,

Thank you for the invitation to appear before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 25 October 2017.

I undertook to come back on the costs of policing the past.

PSNI's Legacy and Justice Department spent £10 million on legacy costs in 2016-17. However, our investment in legacy has increased steadily since then and Legacy and Justice Department are projecting to spend over £13 million for 2017-18. These figures are laid out in the attached table at Appendix A.

However, these figures include direct costs within our Legacy and Justice Department only. They do not include the costs of the wider organisational support functions (for example the costs that legacy work incurs within our Crime Operations Department and Corporate Communications Department) or the costs of overheads that support the legacy functions within PSNI (such as IT infrastructure and estates). An estimate of the overall organisational effort towards legacy in 2017-18 could be in the region of £25 million.

I trust that you will find these details helpful and if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Sincerely,
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Appendix A

Legacy costs incurred in 2016/17 and projected legacy costs for 2017/18			
Area	2016/17 Full year costs £k	2017/18 Year to date costs £k	2017/18 Projected costs £k
Legacy Investigation Branch	4,536	2,219	3,860
Operation Kenova	1,722	2,928	5,330
Operation Klina	729	440	829
Operation Biggen (Fingerprint Branch)	113	41	70
Litigation & Inquests	1,877	873	2,187
Sensitive Disclosure	353	206	356
Retrospective Research	776	453	641
	10,106	7,160	13,273