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Request:

Dear FOI Team

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- 1) 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)
- 2) 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)
- 3) 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)



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Response:

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In order for us to assist you in your request, we would need you to clarify what you are specifically looking to receive in relation to 'operational training'. We could provide the headline figure for the whole of the Service Learning and development costs; however our training budgets are broken down into a large number of sub categories which would make it difficult to separate into specific areas of training. In addition to this the majority of operational training is carried out at station level and we do not hold specific costs for this.

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Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Whole-time	451	454	469	460	466	452	434	398	369	339	316
Retained	353	389	418	444	465	478	489	475	446	401	380

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As stated above the majority of training is carried out at station level on a day to day basis and therefore we do not hold the specific information you are requesting here. Whole time personnel train everyday for a minimum of 2 hours per shift and retained training periods are 2 hours per week.