



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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FOI Reference number: FOI 89/2024

Date: 15 November 2024

Request:

Question1.

Could the Policing Board provide details of any conversations or communications with the former Chief Constable, where he clarified or explained what the abbreviation "MJ" referred to in his daybook, particularly in the context of the evidence he gave to the Policing Board Committee?

Question 2.

Additionally, please outline any conversations or communications that suggested "MJ" did not refer to the Minister for Justice, as indicated in the Scofield Judgment regarding the same incident.

Answer:

Response to Q1.

Discussions with the former Chief Constable on this matter took place at a specially convened Board meeting held on 31 August 2023. Minutes of that meeting are confidential to the Board and have been deemed exempt from publication under the Freedom of Information Act following a previous request for release. [foi-minutes-policing-board-meeting-held-on-31-august-2023.PDF](#)

Response to Q2

Please refer to the response provided at question 1 above.

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