

Robert Hamill Inquiry

Questions from Edwards & Co. Solicitors

The following questions were asked by Edwards & Co. Solicitors, and were passed to the Public Inquiries Liaison Unit at the PSNI for answer:

1. The number of police manpower hours spent in the GBH investigation up to the death of Robert Hamill.

Extensive checks have been carried out with Finance Branch, Ops Planning and CID. Due to the passage of time and changes in the records management system, no record of the manpower hours spent on either GBH or murder investigations are retained.

2. The number of police manpower hours spent on the murder investigation up to the appointment of DCI K as SIO

[See answer above]

3. The number of witness statements taken by the police up to the appointment of DCI K.

The number of statements taken by police was 404.

4. The number of people interviewed by police both under caution and as potential witnesses up to the appointment of DCI K.

According to the HOLMES system, 91 civilian witnesses have been interviewed up until DCI K took on the enquiry, 9 of which were interviewed under caution. It should be noted this figure does not include 12 police officers that were at the scene. Further there were 11 police officers interviewed under caution for various matters involving complaints against the police and disciplinary matters.

4. The number of questionnaires completed.

The number of questionnaires completed was 51.

5. The number of people who refused to speak to investigating police officers or make statements to police.

21 persons refused to make statements. 14 of which either answered questionnaires or gave accounts of their movements; 4 referred to ██████████ Sols (no reply given); 2 could not be contacted; 1 totally refused to co-operate.

6. The total number of Holmes action/entries in respect of the investigation up to the appointment of DCI K.

452 actions were raised up to appointment of DCI K.