

Request reference: 4155/13

1) I would like to know how much money West Midlands Police has spent on policing protests in the past five years

Please can you break this information down into separate and complete 12-month periods, ideally 1 September - 31 August.

The following table summary has been provided by our Finance Department, and shows the costs recorded on the Finance Ledger for protests that were allocated an individual analysis code. It should be noted however that the figures quoted are compiled mainly of overtime and do not include any duty time, as this is centrally recorded as part of regular policing costs and not separately identifiable.

Additionally, there were other protests for which we are unable to provide costs. These are protests/marches where the costs cannot be separately identified as they would have either been captured as part of the regular local policing costs, or as part of a larger operation and externally recharged.

Period of Protest	Cost in £ (rounded to nearest hundred)
Sep 08 to Aug 09	102,400
Sep 09 to Aug 10	576,800
Sep 10 to Aug 11	52,800
Sep 11 to Aug 12	167,600
Sep 12 to Aug 13	598,500
Total	1,498,100

2) For the most recent 12 month period, please can you tell me what the most expensive protests to police were?

The 3 most expensive protests from the data on the ledger are as follows:-

- 1 - EDL Protest in Birmingham in July 2013
- 2 - EVF Protest in Dudley in May 2013
- 3 - EDL Protest in Walsall in September 2012

3) Please can you tell me for the past five years, what the total annual budget for your force was?

Financial Year*	Annual Budget (£)
2008-9	543.4 m
2009-10	563.6 m
2010-11	583.9 m
2011-12	572.5 m
2012-13	546.5 m

*Financial year runs from April to March