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*Dear Mr Robinson,*

**To ask the Minister of Justice how many police officers and Belfast City Council officials were engaged in removing alcohol from people who were (i) in possession of alcohol; and (ii) consuming alcohol in public places in Belfast on, or during (a) the week covering Christmas Day; (b) New Year's Eve and New Year's Day; (c) St Patrick's Day; (d) the Twelfth of July parades; (e) Gay Pride; (f) May Day; and (g) the Lord Mayor's show, in each of the last three years.** 1473/10

The above mentioned question was placed before the Minister of Justice, who has deemed that this is an operational matter for the Police Service of Northern Ireland. Therefore the Chief Constable has been asked to respond directly.

It is not possible to answer your question specifically as Police Officers on duty on those dates or during those events were not solely tasked to address alcohol related offences. They dealt with a broad range of tasks including the confiscation of alcohol.

If you have any queries regarding this response, please address your correspondence to Command Secretariat, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland BT5 6LE.

I trust this is of assistance.

*Yours sincerely,*  
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